ROSA AMERICANA (J. ROCK) FPL #9 SUMMER, 1994

AN EXTRAORDINARY ERROR COIN

DOUBLE HEADED CONNECTICUT COPPER

one of only two specimens of this error type existent!

1787 Connecticut, Miller 9 obverse. EXTRAORDINARY ERROR PIECE, a DOUBLE-HEADED coin, die-struck on both sides with the obverse 9 die! Rarity-8 in this form. 122.6 grains. Fine/Good, the split grade due more to the contorted striking process this piece must have gone through than to any sort of actual wear. An absolutely phenomenal coin, only the second such coin known for the entire Connecticut series [the other one appeared in the 1981 ANA sale conducted by Bowers and Ruddy, lot 369 and was an obverse 33.7 issue and also had one side sharper than the other. That particular piece sold to a collector and has not appeared publicly or privately since]. On the nicer of the two obverses you have faint fragments of AUCTORI, a full CONNEC. and fairly sharp central detail. The other obverse side, which is struck nearly a perfect coin turn from the other side, also has CONNEC visible, though the entire left side of th coin is weak [because of the coin turn the two CONNEC legends are actually on opposite sides of the coin]. A fantastic error coin, the ultimate such piece for the error collector or the Connecticut specialist that wants something unique. Once this coin is sold it's safe to say that an offer of five or ten times as much money would fail to secure you another example. The centerpiece of the Ken Mote collection of Connecticut copper errors.....$899

There are two distinct ways that this coin could have been manufactured. One is that it was an intentional product made by the coiners—an amusement that they were known to have partaken of. The other possibility is that it was unintentionally struck in the following manner: an obverse brockage was struck and instead of ejecting from the press, somehow adhered to the reverse die, brockage side up. A blank planchet was then fed into the press and was struck, receiving a normal impression from the obverse die, but also struck by the brockage piece instead of the reverse die, the brockage having acted as a die itself and imparting a normal obverse. The fact that one side is significantly weaker than the other suggests that this might actually have happened as one would expect the brockage "die" to have imparted much less detail than the actual steel obverse die in the press. This theory is also helped by the existence of an obverse brockage that was part of the Norweb collection [lot 2508], which shows that there was the possibility of such an event happening.

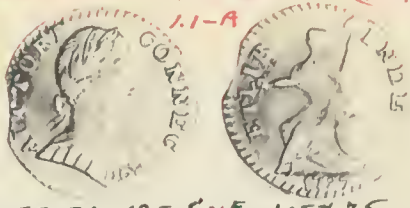
1.1-A

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

MACHIN'S MILLS, NEWBURGH, N.Y.

MAILED BUST RIGHT DESIGN

RED BOOK PLATE COIN (1989) 1.1-A



SEE EAC '75 SALE LOT # 75

71

75 **1787. M. 1.1–A.** R–3 high. Smallest head. Rev. ETLIB INDE **Very fine or better, a few details nearly EF,** surfaces smooth pleasing natural light olive with faint traces of lustre around some letters. Small mint clip over UCT touching top of C. **One of probably three finest known,** not quite as sharp as the Breen example in New Netherlands 51st sale, though with finer surfaces; far finer than the Miller or Taxay Plate coins, and at least as fine as the Crosby Plate, Appleton—Mass. Historical Society coin (lot 43, Stack sale, March 1973) the Boyd, Garrett—John Hopkins, Hall–Brand, Norweb or Newman examples. **Notably sharper than lot 145, Merkin Oct. 1973 sale, at $400,** or the Ruby or Norman Bryant examples. **An outstanding example of one of the more important type coins in the series.** $525 **(Photo) ($300.–400.)**

$525

EAC '75

75

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

338* **1787.** (i.e. 1788–9?). Machin's Mill Mint, Newburgh, N.Y. Mailed Bust Right. M.–1.1–A. R–3, high. Smallest head; ETLIB INDE. **Some details of Fine or better sharpness,** others a little weaker; dark partly rough patina varying from charcoal gray to purple, brick red, rose, and varying shades of brown. Despite the roughness, all details are visible even parts of latitude and longitude lines on globe. Late die state, obv. giving way in field behind head — probably made not long before 1788 1–I. Ex Alan Kessler. **(Photo)** $150 **($150.–225.)**

*Bids accepted by mail only.

$150

EAC '75

STACK'S 'ANS BENEFIT AUCTION NOV 17, 1993

750-800

TAYLOR #2391

Lot No. 98

DON PARTRICK

98 **1787 M.1.1-A. MBR.** R-3. From Bowers & Merena's sale of the Frederick B. Taylor Collection, March 28, 1987, lot 2391, where it was described further as **"VF-30 to EF-40.** Rich, light mahogany. Clear and clean surfaces, free from porosity or striations. A nice example of the smallest head of the year, a separate 'type' in this series. One minor rim clip, almost imperceptible, at 1:00 on the obverse."

800-

Anonymous gift.

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

GOOD COLOR VF(25-30)

$302.50

TAYLOR

2391 **1787 Connecticut. M 1.1-A. Mailed Bust Right.** 115.8 grains. Rarity-3. **VF-30 to EF-40.** Rich, light mahogany. Clear and clean surfaces, free from porosity or striations. A nice example of the smallest head of the year, a separate "type" in this series. One minor rim clip, almost imperceptible, at 1:00 on the obverse.

BOWER'S TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

FAT XF INTERESTING

$247.50

TAYLOR

2390 **1787 Connecticut. M 1.1-A. Mailed Bust Right.** 116.0 grains Rarity-3. **Sharpness of EF-40,** where struck. Light golden brown planchet. Refer to the photograph: clipped at least four times! By far, the majority of the 1787 1.1-A survives clipped in one degree or another.

BOWER'S 'NORWEB II' MARCH 25, 1988

2496 1787 Connecticut M 1.1-A F-12. Rarity-3. 116.9 grains 27.5mm 190 Dark brown Porous One rim clip at 10:00 This variety is usually found clipped (Taylor 2390 showed three or four separate clips!). GRAINY

Purchased between 1913-1915 $60.50

NORWEB

BOWERS "TUROFF SALE" OCT 1, 1976

557 **1787 Small Head Facing Right; ETLIB INDE reverse. 1.1-A (R-3).** Scarce, popular, and distinctive Machin's Mill variety with small Romanesque head on obverse and with reverse legend transposed to ETLIB INDE. **Extremely Fine or better.** Quite probably a coin which saw only a month or two of circulation, if indeed that much. Small planchet clip at bottom, as struck. Centers not fully struck up, as always (cf. the *Guide Book* plate coin, which the present coin exceeds in condition by a country mile). One of the finest known specimens of this, one of the most interesting and distinctive varieties in the Connecticut series. Worthy of a spirited bidding contest! $155 —

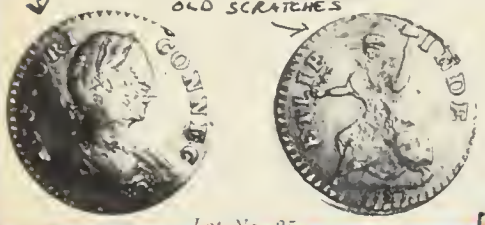
1.1-A

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988

25 **1787 Small Head Right.** Miller 1.1-A. The ET LIB INDE reverse. Some roughness on the central portions as made. A splendid example with smooth surfaces. Light brown. **Extremely Fine.** $55

OLD SCRATCHES

VF/XF OK COLOR



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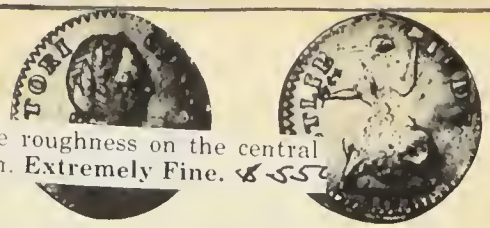


Lot No. 1248

$495 COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 24, 1989

1248 — **1787 Small head right.** Miller 1.1-A. The ET LIB INDE reverse. Some roughness on the central portions as made. A splendid example with light brown toning. **Extremely Fine.**

LIGHT SCRATCHES & VF REDDISH BROWN

26 1787 Miller 1.1-A. Another. Medium brown with a small planchet clip below the bust not affecting any of the devices. **Very Fine** or perhaps better. $385 —

STACK'S SALE · APR 27, 1988

COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 22, 1989

1249 $242 — 1787 Miller 1.1-A. Another. Medium brown with a small planchet clip below the bust. **Very Fine.**

Lot No. 79

TAXAY PLATE

SEE NN 5/1 SALE JUNE 15, 1958 LOT #80

STACK'S "LAIRD U. PARK" SALE MAY 26, 1976

79 1787 Miller 1.1-A. **The Small Head with ET LIB INDE Reverse.** Some roughness in the central portions, mostly on the reverse. A very well centered coin with full denticles on the reverse and almost full on the obverse. Complete lettering and date, and everything very sharp. One of the nicest we've seen. Deep olive. EXTREMELY FINE. $200 —

STACK'S "ROPER COLL" DEC 7, 1983

OK VF 35 STRIKE VERDIGRIS AT DATE

ROPER

100 — 380 —

Lot No. 236

$175

236 **1787 Mailed Bust Right.** Miller 1.1-A. 116.4 grains. The type with a small head right, and the ETLIB INDE reverse, struck at Machin's Mill. This variety often comes on a somewhat dark, porous planchet, although this example is a smooth light brown. Some lightness of striking in the centers, as always. The coin shows virtually no signs of wear, and is choice in all aspects. **Choice Very Fine.** $418 → JESS PATRICK

SUPERIOR'S · FATHER FLANAGANS BOYS HOME SALE MAY 27-29, 1990

616 1787. Connecticut. Small Mailed Bust Right. Miller 1.1-A. Rarity-3. Recent ANACS photo certified graded Extremely Fine. Variety with ETLIB INDE reverse.

$475

STACK'S "PICKER" SALE OCT 24, 1984 NICE PICKER

154 **1787 Bust Right.** Miller 1.1-A. 123.7 grains. The type with the Small Head right, and the ETLIB INDE reverse, struck at Machin's Mill. An excellent impression of the obverse and reverse dies, the latter of which is often weak in the centers. A smooth light brown planchet, unusual for the variety. Rim clip at about 1:30 o'clock on the obverse, a feature we estimate over half of this variety has. In this case none of the date or legends is affected. No scratches or surface marks. Another scarce Connecticut type now becoming popular. **A strong Very Fine.** $198 TO J. SYKE — J. GOUDGE

1642 1787 M 1.1-A (R-3) SMALLEST HEAD. Rev. "ETLIB INDE". Overall **F-15** with sharpness up to FF but evidence of pitting on rev. with granular surface on face of obv. Otherwise smooth lt. brown surfaces notable sharper than Miller plate coin, Taxay plate coin. Appleton MHS, E.C.C. Boyd and JHU. Better sharpness than lot 115 Merkin Oct 1973 sale at $400. An outstanding example of this type coin. 150 PLATE 225 —

KAGINS SALE #313 SEPT 29, 30, 1978

1642

D. LINETT MAIL BID SALE AUG, 1985

223. 1787 MAILED BUST LEFT. Miller 1.1-A. Extremely Fine. Cleaned. A contemporary counterfeit. $125

224. As above. Miller 1.1-A. (R-3). ETLIB INDE. Choice Very Fine. Chocolate brown and perfect for the grade with no significant flaws and a good degree of detail present. This Machin's Mills variety is one of the more popular Connecticuts of any variety or type. $350

1.1-A

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

1.1-A	1787	VF-/VF-	R3	Planchet defect (thin)
1.1-A	1787	VF/F+	R3	Cutter mark on obverse
1.1-A	1787	F+/F-	R3	"Hang nail" crimped edge
1.1-A	1787	VG/VG	R3	OVERSTRUCK BY NJ 58-n
1.1-A	1787	F	R3	Pitted both sides
1.1-A	1787	F-	R3	Clip.
1.1-A	1787	VG	R3	Pitted both sides
1.1-A	1787	F/F-	R3	Thin planchet, small edge
1.1-A	1787	F-/F-	R3	Medium thick planchet.
1.1-A	1787	"Dog"		Thin planchet
1.1-A	1787	New		Dory Duplicate counterf COIN C t ft

Exceptional 1787 Connecticut Miller-1.1A

BOWER'S 'STUART LEVINE SALE' APRIL 10-11, 1986

RED BOOK PLATE (1978)

165

860 1787 Connecticut. Miller-1.1-A. 114.2 grains. Very Fine or better. Some fine scratches at the center of the obverse and reverse have long since been obscured by toning. Medium brown coloration. A superb specimen of the Small Head style, struck from the same obverse die used to produced Miller-1-I of 1788 which in turn is considered to be part of the Vermont series as well, as Ryder-39, due to the sharing of the 1788 reverse in the Vermont series.

In the 1978 edition of *A Guide Book of United States Coins* this identical piece was used for the plate illustration.

1.1-A
VG-F RCR #12 SEPT, 1971 .....55.00

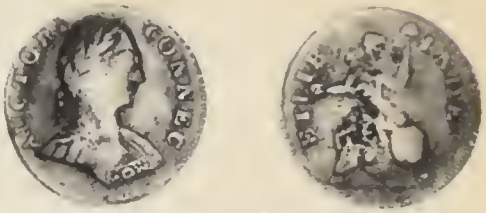
BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW 47 4/83

1787 Conn. Small head right. ETLIB INDE reverse. Another product of Capt. Thomas Machin, information about whom appears in *The History of U.S. Coinage As Illustrated by the Garrett Collection* and *The Early Coins of America*. Very Fine. Some light scratches under the bust. $275.00; another (a very unusual situation!), also Very Fine, with a few stray marks, but slightly nicer than the last 325.00

BOWER'S RCR #14 APRIL, 1974

RCR #15 AUG, 1972

1787 Small head right. ETLIB INDE reverse. 1.1-A (R-3). This distinctive-appearing coin, long a favorite with Connecticut specialists, is a product of Machin's Mill. Fair $15.00; Good $29.00; Very Good $45.00; Very Fine, one of the nicer pieces offered in recent years 127.50



KAGIN'S 1983 ANA SALE' AUG 16, 1983

71 1787 Miller 1.1-A, small mailed bust right, reverse ETLIB INDE
220 EF, pleasing red-brown, light strike at center usual planchet roughness on seated Liberty. Free of damage smooth fields for unusually harmonious state copper. R-3. $550-575

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

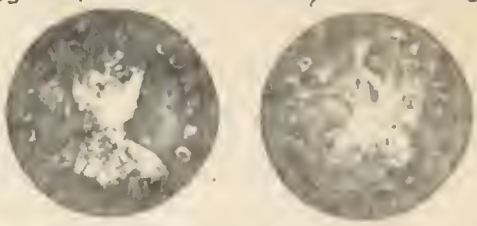
1.1-A 9424 (3) ABT GOOD (3)
9466 (5) GOOD (5)
9509 (10) VERY GOOD (10)
9496 (6, dmg) ABT UNC 55
9477 (6, dmg) UNC 60

NB - , these latter 2 pcs AU55 & Unc60 but for dmg.

KAGIN'S LIST, SEPT 16, 1981

1787 CONNECTICUT M.11-A Rarity-3. Smallest head right VF/F..... 295.00

BOWERS 'N.Y. PUBLIC LIBRARY SALE' OCT 30, 1982



2050 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.1-A, small head type. VG dark charcoal
60 surfaces, rare.

MID-AMERICAN 1986 G.N.A. SALE' MAY 24, 1986

1114. ~~Fine Miller 5.2-A1. Rarity 3. Fine. Dark and lightly pronounced with Odv~~ 1787 Miller 1.1-A, Rarity 3. Very Good, and on a reasonable planchet. Two small planchet clips are visible on the top and bottom of the obverse. This is the scarce "Small Head" obverse which was later combined with a Vermont reverse to produce the 1788 Miller 1.1-I (Vermont Ryder 39).
40 A total of two coins in this lot.

PAUL KAGIN LIST, APR, 1984

1787 Copper, Small Head facing right ETLIB INDE M.1.1-A Extremely fine as to wear but has some pitting on reverse. Dark brown. Very scarce ...

1.1-A

NEW ENGLAND SALE, MAY 20, 1977

5 1787 Connecticut Copper. Small Head Facing Right. ETLIB INDE. M #1.1-A. R-3. FINE-15, with some details Very Fine. Tiny dent below "INDE". Scarce type coin, and high condition census. Ex. Publick II. Lot #40. AT *110-

165-

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.1.1-A
VERY FINE

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

1) 1787 M.1.1-A Fine. Mottled light and dark brown. *
2) 1787 M.1.1-A Extremely Fine. Holed at 12 o'clock. (Canfield?)

1787 M. 1.1-A;

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

158 1787 Connecticut copper. M 1.1-A. Mailed Bust Right. VG-10, perhaps slightly finer. Rarity-3. 118.7 grains. "Smallest Head" variety, with some central striking weakness in evidence. Additionally, some faint striations are noted at the center of the reverse. A pleasing brown specimen, visually appealing for the grade. Popular Machin's Mills issue. One of the most distinctive varieties of the series.

99.00

145

L. MERKIN SALE' OCT 31, 1973

145 — 1787. Miller 1.1–A. Rarity 3. EF. Full date, and **definitely superior to the Miller plate specimen.** Somewhat porous planchet. (PDV). Though not rare as a variety, very rare in this condition, and very popular as a type, being the **SMALL HEAD** (smallest of the year, and the same obverse die as the very rare 1788 Miller 1.) obverse, and **ET LIB INDE** reverse. An exceptional dark brown specimen. **ILLUST.**

400-

L. MERKIN SALE OCT 31, 1973

146 — 1787, Miller 1.1–A. Fine or better. Another very nice specimen with a full date, but on a rough planchet. Somewhat more wear than above, but still a very clean light brown specimen, that would be an enhancement to any cabinet.

50-

L. MERKIN, SALE, NOV 20, 1968

56 — 1787 Small bust r., ET LIB INDE. M. 1.1–A. Fine for coin, weak uneven strike from buckled dies, matte but fairly smooth dark brown patina. Very scarce, popular type coin, above average.

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST FEB 4, 1981

49 1787 Mailed Bust Right. M 1-1-A. Small Head. ET LIB INDE Reverse. A spectacular double-strike, with the second impression rotated approximately 20 degrees from the first. Very Fine, although the design is missing in the Reverse center. Smooth medium brown planchet with a full sharp date. Rare and interesting 450.00

1.1-A

STACK'S SALE' SEPT 9-11, 1987

189 1787 Mailed bust right. M 1.1-A Small head Fine, somewhat granular surfaces, the devices highlighted against deep brown fields. An unclipped example quite scarce as such TOO DARK
$66-

COIN GALLERIES SALE' APRIL 14, 1982 1.1-A

1709 1787 The Small Head with ET LIB INDE reverse. Porous planchet with good detail. Small planchet clip at 4 o'clock. A choice Fine, perhaps Very Fine.
220-

STACK'S SALE " JAN 31, 1969

17 1787 Miller 1.1 A. Rare. 3. Mailed bust right The smallest head of the year with the ET LIB INDE reverse. A Very Fine, sharply struck coin, showing all details of wreath, hair and mail, with all letters well struck up. The reverse is equally as sharp except in the central portion where it is usually found weakly struck. Dark Brown on a slightly porous planchet. Another excellent type coin. $40-

STACK'S "W. RISE" SALE SEPT 30, 1966

588 1787 Mailed bust right, small head. ET LIB INDE reverse. Miller 1. 1-A. Slightly rough planchet but everything sharp and clear with no disfigurements. Exceptional state of preservation for this type. Very Fine. (100.00) $60-

COIN GALLERIES SALE' NOV 15, 1979

1142 1787 Connecticut, M.1.1-A, (R-3). The scarce type with Small Head Facing Right, and reverse ETLIB INDE. Struck on a lightly porous planchet, as usual, at Machin's Mills, N.Y. Well centered with almost full denticulation on both sides. Some light obverse scratches, and a small reverse dent. Well struck, even in the centers, which is unusual for this coin. Dark brown, with some reddish toning. Much nicer than our description indicates. Very Fine.

MAYFLOWER "STEARNS COLL" DEC 2, 1966

172 1787 **Small Head facing right. ETLIB INDE,** 1[1] A (R[3]) A nicely centered Fine. **Full date and much strong milling.** In a note dated April 28, 1908, Thomas Hall calls this specimen one of the two best known. **Ex Stickney sale.**
$65-

57

BOWER'S "R.P. ARIAGNO SALE" JAN 24-25, 1980

858 1787 Connecticut. Small mailed bust right; ETLIB INDE with no punctuation. Miller 1.1-A. Fine-12, light brown with signs of shallow porosity. Far above average for this popular type. Ex Ruby, Lot 57.
125- 125-

SUPERIOR'S "DR. RUBY SALE" FEB 11, 1974

57 **1787 Miller 1.1—A. Small mailed bust right. ETLIB INDE without punctuation. Moderately advanced die failures. Fine, well centered, everything on flan except parts of serrated borders, and it is very unusual for a specimen of this type to show any border serrations at all. Planchet smoother than usual though slightly porous and not round, with far fewer defects than usual. Ex Numismatic Gallery, April 28, 1949. PHOTO** WGT. 119.5 GRAINS
$105-

SUPERIOR "WYATT SALE" SEPT 30, 1985

SUPERIOR'S "WYATT SALE" SEPT 30-OCT 1, 1985

50 **1787 Cent. Small head facing right. ETLIB INDE.** Very Fine. Excellent surfaces. Light reddish-brown. Better than the plate specimen shown in the Guidebook / Miller-1.1-A (R-3). ($350—UP)
242-

SEE STACK'S SALE "PERKINS" JAN 14, 1998 LOT # 239 (PLATE) AT $1,210-

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
1787 M.1.1-A #9496? HALL-SHUMWAY, 1919.
(G6, DMG) XF/AU VERDIGRIS AT RIMS.

1.1-A

L. MERKIN SALE FEB 12, 1972

13 — 1787 Small mailed bust r., ETLIB INDE. M.11–A. Good, weak in centers but some details of VG sharpnes.

BOWER'S "D. HERDMAN SALE" DEC 8, 9, 1977

SEE BREEN PLATE #785

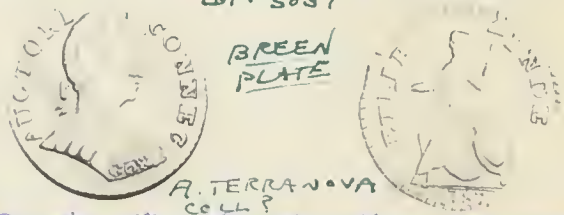
See Color Photo

5051 1787 Connecticut. Small head facing right. ETLIB INDE reverse.
340– Miller 1.1-A. A famous variety characterized by the small romanesque portrait on the obverse. Made at Machin's Mill. The present coin is a select AU coin and is one of the finest known examples. A miniscule edge clip, incurred at the time of striking, is mentioned for accuracy but does not affect the legends or design in any way. A *incredible* item!

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1987)

785 1787 Small head, ETLIB INDE
M. 1.1-A; Crosby, Pl. V, 11. Always on small crude planchets, about 104–116 grs. = 6.74–7.52 gms., like 732, 734, and next, possibly for 64 or 66 to the lb. Like 734, struck between July 1788 and July 1789. Often in low grades.

SEE BOWERS HERDMAN SALE DEC 8-9, 1977 LOT # 5051



BREEN PLATE

A. TERRANOVA COLL?

BOWERS RARE COIN REVIEW #24 AUTUMN, 1975

#RCR #25
#RCR #27
WINTER 1976-7

R. MARTIN

1787 Small head facing right. ET LIB INDI reverse. Miller 1.1-A. AU with a small clip, an outstanding condition for this rarity . . . 495.00

NEW ENGLAND SALE MARCH 26, 1977

LOT # 554

R. MARTIN

1787 Connecticut Copper, Small Head Right, ETLIB INDE. EXTREMELY
200– FINE–45, Choice even brown surfaces. Small edge clip and milling mark at reverse center. The specimen in our July sale was only FINE–15, and it was high condition census. In this condition, it is almost unknown!

KAGIN'S LIST, SEPT 16, 1981

1787 CONN. M.1.1-A Bust right. light marks VF-25 dark 650.00
1787 CONNECTICUT 1.1-A. Small bust right. R-3. Usual defective planchet VG 125.00

114.5 GR.

R. MARTIN 3/3/87 D. MITUZAS

BOWER'S 'PRINCETON-INGLE' SEPT 8-9, 1986

730 1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 1-A. Choice Fine. There is a plan-
110– chet clip noticeable on this piece, at about 1:00 on the obverse. Despite the clip, this is a smooth and evenly worn specimen with bold obverse and reverse legends and a fully struck up date.

DARK FAIR FINE

BOWER'S 'ARNOLD & ROMICA' SEPT 17-19, 1984

624 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.1-A. Small Head variety, Mailed Bust right.
400– Machin's Mills issue. Reverse legend transposed as ETLIB INDE. Fine. Dark but attractive surfaces.

MID-AMERICAN "1986 FUN SALE" JAN 3-4, 1986

995. 1787 Connecticut Copper. Extremely Fine (45/45). Miller 1.1-A,
286– the popular "Small Head" variety. Cleaned at one time and now retoning to a deceptive red and tan brown color. The red simulates original color, and at first glance one might conclude that this is a Mint State coin. Nicely centered, with a full date visible on the reverse. The top right of the obverse displays a few dark stains; none of these materially affect the metal. $286 –

1.1-A

NEW NETHERLAND'S 51st SALE JUNE 18, 1958

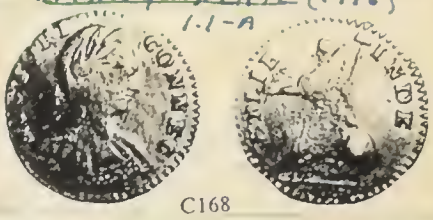
(80) **1787. Small bust right;** ETLIB INDE. **M. 1¹-A.** Atlee dies (either Rahway, N. J. or Machin's Mill Mint). Extremely Fine, the planchet a trifle rough as made; natural dark green porcelain-like patina. Slightly weak in centers, but mostly of full original sharpness. Light mint clip left of date. By a sizable margin, the finest we have seen or heard of. Not too rare in Fair to VG, but of extreme rarity above F-15; and an important type coin. Superior to the Bareford, Boyd, Garrett, Hall-Brand, Miller, Newman, Norweb and Strous examples, among others. We anticipate spirited bidding on this one. Ex Breen coll. **Plate** ($75.00)

$7.50

The 1787 Connecticut Cents with bust r. divide into the following types:
I. Small bust/ETLIB INDE. M. 1¹-A. R.
II. Small bust/INDE ETLIB. M. 1¹-VV. RRR.
III. Medium bust/INDE• ET•LIB• M. 1³-L. RRR.
IV. Medium bust, hook nose; period after C./INDE*ET (head) LIB*. M. 52-G. RRRR.
V. Large bust (The Muttonhead); breasts of Liberty nude. M. 1²-C. R. (Mint uncertain.)
VI. Large bust; Liberty seated r., ETLIB INDE. M. 1⁴-WW. 2 known.
All these, except the Muttonhead and M. 1³-L, appear to be Atlee's work, at Rahway or Machin's Mill.

TAXAY PLATE

TAXAY PLATE (1976) 1.1-A



C168

81 Duplicate. Where struck up, this piece has the sharpness of VF, though with surfaces lightly and uniformly roughened. Slate-brown patina. In spite of two or three tiny rim and/or edge nicks, an excellent specimen of a well known type. From a Pa. collector. ($25.00)

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(80)

→ SEE STACK'S 'LAIRD U. PARK SALE' MAY 26, 1976 LOT # 79

ALSO TAXAY PLATE

NEW NETHERLAND'S 60th SALE DEC 3-4, 1968

332 **1787. Small bust right;** ETLIB INDE. **M. 1¹-A** (Rarity 3). About Very Fine. Boldly impressed about periphery, with more than half of denticles well represented upon either side. Weak at centers as usual; serious central planchet defects (as made, of course) upon both obv. and rev., that at head of lesser importance. Two or three minute rev. pit-like flaws do not impair the clean surfaces of this piece, but a second look reveals three tiny, almost square, punchmarks arranged horizontally above the upper rev. dateline. Still, far above average; light brown, which is the more unusual as these generally come dark and rough. One of the most important Connecticut type coins; *Guide Book*, $65. in only Fine.

52.50

Dies by Atlee. Presumably made at Machin's Mill.

NEW NETH 'NUMISMA' AUG, 1954 VOL 1 NO. 3

884 1787. Small head r. M. 1¹-A. Almost Fine, few defects. A popular, listed type, valued to $25.00 so. $12.75

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

1080 1787 Connecticut copper. M 1.1-A. Rarity-3. F-15 VG-8. 124.2 grains. Dark bottle green and gray, as often seen on this variety. Reverse center soft. Both sides microscopically granular, the reverse particularly so. Not struck on a clipped planchet, somewhat unusual for this variety, which is known struck on planchets clipped as many as four different times. States roughly equivalent to Taylor:2390 and 2391. $55—

ROCK LIST #99

DARK

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

72 **1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 1.1-A. Mailed Bust Right; the smallest bust of the year. Rarity 3. 124.2 grains. Fine to Very Fine,** the reverse slightly granular. Dark brown planchet with lighter devices. Completely unclipped planchet, which is quite unusual for this variety. A popular type coin. EX. DECHSNER LOT # 1215 ?? $99

This variety, which is always seen crudely struck on thin, underweight planchets, was produced at the Machin's Mills mint. The obverse die was also paired with a 1788 reverse to create Connecticut copper variety 1788 M.1-I. The same variety is also known as Vermont Ryder-39.

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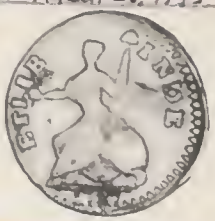
NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

BOWER'S "QUARTETTE SALE" MARCH 26, 1992



220 240

40 1787 Small Head Facing Right ETLIB INDE, M #1.1 A (R 3) FINE–15 with some details Very Fine. Tiny dent below "INDE". Scarce type coin, and high condition census.

110

WHT. 104-0 GR

1584 1787 Connecticut copper. M 1.1-A. Mailed Bust Right. VF-20. Rarity 3. 104.0 grains. Small Head variety. A rich, chocolate brown

262

STACK'S 'STEINBERG SALE' OCT 17, 1989

85 **1787 Miller 1.1-A.** Small head; ETLIB INDE. Porous, with a small chip before the chin. Legends complete, bottoms of the date off the flan. Fine. LIGHTLY GRANULAR

110

1.1-A

C.N. JULY, 1982 P.789
PLANCHET CUTTER MARK

NEW ENGLAND SALE MARCH 25-27, 1982

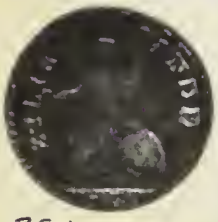
756 (85) 1787 Connecticut Cent, Small Head Facing Right, Miller-1.1A, R-3, FINE-15, light verdigris on dark brown planchet. A Machin Mills product. (Page 38 of the Guide Book)

Connecticut
1.1-A of 1787

BARNSLEY SPECIMEN

VLACK PLATE (1965)
REV. A

Plate III
MILLER PLATE



REV. A

CROSBY PLATE (1845)

1.1-A

STANDARD CATALOUGE (1947)
1.1-A

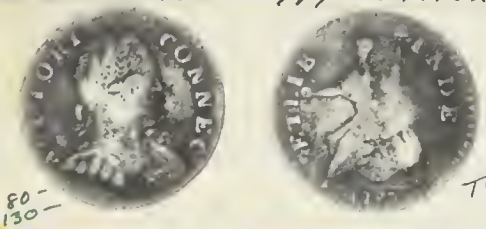
SEE CROSBY PLATE

HENRY C. MILLER SALE' MAY 26-29, 1920

1859 1787. Head to r AUCTORI CONNEC (no punctuation) Rx. Bust l. ETLIB INDE (No punctuation) C. 1-A. VG. 2 pcs. .35

2104 1787. C. 1 (1)-A.; ~~also 2-B. (2)~~. G. 3 pcs. .12

BOWER'S' BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990



80-
130-

TOO DARK

1163 1787 Connecticut copper. M 1.1-A. Mailed Bust Right. 113.7 grains. Rarity-3. F-15. Dark brown, with traces of verdigris on both sides, particularly the obverse. Planchet clipped twice, commonly seen on this variety (Taylor:2390 was an extreme example). Yet another distinctive "sub-type" in the Connecticut series, the obverse has the smallest of the year. Die states later than Taylor:2390 and 2391, obverse and reverse centers sinking.
Ex S.H. & H. Chapman's sale of December 16, 1904; Ryder Collection. Ticket and envelope accompany this lot. Called "Very Fine" in the Chapman sale, "Good" by Ryder.
$143

RED BOOK PLATE (1978)

SEE BOWER'S SALE APR 10, 1986
LOT # 560 PLATE

80-
160-

TOO DARK

1164 1787 Connecticut copper. M 1.1-A. Mailed Bust Right. 104.1 grains. Rarity-3. F-12. A second example of this variety. Planchet clipped once. Heavy reverse, some obverse cuprous oxide deposits. Edge cut at 9:00 when viewed from the obverse. Die states equivalent to Taylor 2390 and 2391.
Ex Ryder Collection. Envelope accompanies this lot. Called "Good" by Ryder.
$176

SEE COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 10, 1993 LOT # 2079 & 1468

SAN DIEGO SHOW (ANA SALE) MAR 3, 1990
D. LINNETT

561

2395 1787 Cent, Miller 1.1-A, Breen-785, Small Head, Mailed Bust Right, ANACS Certified-Very Fine. Quite a lovely example of this major variety. The surfaces are dark chocolate brown with lighter highpoints enhancing the overall eye appeal. The surfaces are hard, smooth with just a hint of some microscopic porosity on the reverse. The centering is excellent on the obverse, with the date full and clear. A very nice type coin, solidly Very Fine and attractive. ..... (500-750)

STACK'S SALE JUNE 23-24, 1992

880 1787 Miller 1.1 Fine, complete legends and date. Minor planchet clip at right obverse. Mild verdigris, good detail. 1.1-A
99

1.1-A

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE, NOV 14, 1990

125-
125-
137.50

5377 **1787 Connecticut copper. M1.1-A. Mailed Bust right.** 122.8 grains. Rarity-3. **VF-20,** chip cut from flan. Pronounced planchet cutter mark on reverse, above Liberty. ETLIB INDE reverse variety. Die states equivalent to Taylor: 2390.

Ex Hays Collection. U.S. Coin Co. auction envelope accompanies this lot.

1787 1-A WHT. 110 GRAINS

STACK'S LIST 4/73 90.00 —
R. MARTIN — M. SPENCER 10/4/88
FINE/VERY FINE

BOWERS 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

60
110-
121.00

5378 **1787 Connecticut copper. M1.1-A. Mailed Bust right.** 118.9 grains. Rarity-3. **F-12,** on a round, not clipped (unusual) flan. Another example of this ETLIB INDE variety. Obverse die sinking behind head, engaging ribbon bow and reaching to the field below TOR; reverse center sinking, struck slightly off center to the lower left. Die states later than Taylor:2390/1. ROSA AMERICANA EPLR 7 AUTUMN, 1992 ASVF AT $199.00

Ex Ryder Collection. Envelope accompanies this lot.

1787 1-A WHT. 119.6 GRAINS

R. MARTIN 3/81 — D. MITUZAS 3/87
GOOD/VERY GOOD. SMOOTH FLAN

BOWERS 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

200-
250-
275.00

5663 **1787 M 1.1-A. ET LIB INDE variety.** Rarity-3. **VF-20.** 127.8 grains. Obverse flaw on effigy. Pale golden brown. Small planchet cutter burr visible from obverse at 1:00. States equivalent to Taylor:2390/1, obverse failing in field behind head, affecting CTO, but ribbons and bow still clear and sharp.

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

200-
200-
BOOK

1787 COPPER COINAGE

HESSBERG

220.00

1369 **1787 Miller 1.1-A.** 112 grains. Small Mailed bust right, well centered and without the planchet clips so often seen on this distinctive variety. White ink variety numbers appear in obverse fields, probably from the hand of Henry Miller. Dark glossy brown with old scratches on head, reverse softly struck. Very Fine.

TOO DARK - SCRATCHES

STACK'S SALE JAN 18, 1990

242

1156 **Connecticut. 1787 Miller 1.1-A** (R-3). Small head; ETLIB INDE. Very Fine, light brown and olive color. Planchet cutter shear line across upper reverse as made. Full date. More than half the obverse denticles are visible, and nearly all the reverse denticles are on the planchet. A difficult type coin!

MIKE RINGO LIST, MAY, 1986

4. **1787 Small Head, M.1.1-A. Fine, two shallow obverse depressions. Strong details and good color, with the usual edge clip..... 60.00**

MIKE RINGO LIST, DEC, 1984

11. 1787 Small Head, M.1.1-A. Fine, dark brown with a few scattered light marks. Small rim clip, typical for the variety; overall a pleasing coin, and a scarce type..... 75.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, APR, 1984

11. 1787 Small Head, M.1.1-A. Fine wearwise, but damaged reverse..... 25.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, NOV, 1983

1787 Small Head, M.1.1-A. Fine to Very Fine, medium brown with lightly porous surfaces. Well-centered, full date and legends, and not clipped as a large percentage of this variety seems to be. Attractive..... 165.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, NOV, 1983

1787 Small Head, M.1.1-A. Another, this a smooth brown Fine with a small clip at 4:00..... 125.00

1.1-A

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

213 **1787 M.1.1-A** (R-3). 111.9 grains. Small head, Liberty Cap reverse. Very little actual wear. The legends and date are quite bold, and the surfaces are very nice. There is a depressed area from the ear to the armor, and matching depressions on the reverse, probably caused by filled dies. Light to medium golden brown tone. Three tiny rectangular incuse marks above the reverse bar and below the globe. About Uncirculated, and close to Mint State. VF/XF INCUSE MARKS

440.00

Ex F.C.C. Boyd.

213

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

2629 **1787 M 1.1-A.** Mailed Bust Right. Small Head variety. R-3. 110.6 gns. Nice Very Fine. Deep chocolate and golden brown, colors characteristic of the nicer examples of this variety. Surfaces microscopically granular but appear smooth and glossy to the naked eye. Planchet cutter clip obverse 8 o'clock, this variety almost always found on a clipped flan. Light obverse failure behind head but bow, ribbons, and T still full; reverse center sunk but the die still unbroken. A popular Connecticut "type" coin. F/VF OVERALL

247.00

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6517 Trio of 1787 Connecticut coppers. ☆ M 1.1-A. Mailed Bust Right. VG-8, rough planchet surfaces. Rarity-3. 98.8 grains. Obverse style with smallest head of all 1787 issues. ☆ ~~M 6-1-M. Mailed Bust Left. VG-8/G-4. Rarity-1. 96.9 grains. Laughing Head variety. A medium tan specimen with some central striking weakness, as often seen for this issue. Former owner's attribution number painted in left obverse field.~~ ☆ ~~M 8-O Mailed Bust Left. F-12/VG-8. Rarity-3. 130.1 grains. Die alignment 260°. Well centered and reasonably well struck, from an issue that is renowned for its shortcomings in both of these areas. Pale golden design details with deeper brown toning highlights in the field. A low-grade yet quite attractive group of Connecticut coppers.~~ (Total: 3 pieces)

110.00

SEE BOWER'S "R.W. MILLER" NOV 20, 1992 # 2359

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

46 **1787 M.1.1-A. MBR.** R-3. About Very Fine. 109.4 gns. Brown, with some orange undertones from an old cleaning. Both surfaces appear smooth and hard. Struck slightly off center on the obverse, outline of the die edge visible at the base, tops of RI CO partly off flan. Pin scratches on both sides. Flan not clipped, somewhat unusual on an M.1.1-A. Obverse beginning to fail behind head; reverse beginning to buckle at the bottom. FINE

75.00 220.00 242.00

COIN GALLERIES MAIL BID SALE FEB 10, 1993

2079 **1787 M.1.1-A.** Mailed Bust Right. Small head. Fine. Rarity 3. 104.1 grains. Dark brown, cuprous oxide deposits around rims. Some granularity. Obverse planchet cutter clip at 5:30; edge cut at 9 o'clock. Die states as Taylor:2390, 2391.

148.50

Ex Hillyer Ryder Collection (Bowers & Merena, March 28, 1990, lot 1164). Ryder's envelope accompanies this lot, graded "Good." $176.00

TO DICK AUGUST

MIKE RINGO STOCK FEB 15, 1993 AU50 STRONG STRIKE

BOWER'S 'HALPERN SALE' MARCH 24, 1995

3332 1787 Miller 1.1-A. Mailed Bust Right. VF. Rarity-3. 104.0 grains. Small Head style. FLLIB INDE reverse. Mahogany and brown color. Sharply struck in the peripheral areas, on an unclipped flan; this variety is nearly always encountered with edge clips. An attractive specimen.

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

SCRATCH

OBV. SCRATCH ABT UNC + GOOD COLOR & SURFACES

600-
1050-

Lot No. 1059

OECHSNER

1059 **1787 Miller 1.1-A.** Mailed bust right. Small head, ETLIB INDE. 126.7 grains. **About Uncirculated.** An old, faint, curved scratch from I across the upper head to NN. Weak strike at the centers, the natural roughness of the planchet showing clearly at the neck and cheek, and most of the upper half of Liberty. Reddish brown toning, some traces of original mint color in protected areas. *(SEE COLOR PLATE)*

$1,155-

BOWERS "EINSTEIN SALE" JUNE 23-25, 1986

$195-

2116 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.1-A. Very Fine. Medium surfaces. Quite attractive for the issue. A very desirable specimen of this classic Machin's Mills issue. The obverse and reverse are loosely patterned after the correct Connecticut motifs, but with the portrait in this instance being much smaller and in cameo style, while the reverse legend has been transposed to read ET LIB INDE, which translates to "and liberty independence," rather than the correct "independence and liberty."

STACK'S "AUCTION SALE" DEC 3, 1971

64 1787 Miller 1.1-A. **SMALL HEAD. ET LIB INDE** reverse. Another very scarce and popular type. Sharply struck and well centered on a granular planchet. All details well struck up except the central portion of the reverse figure, which is normal for this variety. Though perhaps not in the condition census, it is better than most we have seen. Very Fine A dark olive color. Ex Yale Collection. **PLATE**

$75-

64

STACK'S "ESSEX INSTITUTE" FEB 6, 1975

32 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.1 A. Rarity 3. The very popular **SMALL HEAD** with **ET LIB INDE** reverse. Slightly off center. Rough planchet as are so many of this variety. Dark brown. Fine. $80-

STACK'S SALE JUNE 27-28, 1975

32 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.1-A. Rarity 3. **Small head — ET LIB INDE** variety. Perfectly centered and a very sharp strike. No planchet defect or damage. Full date, legends, liberty cap, etc. An excellent type coin. Very Fine. **PLATE**

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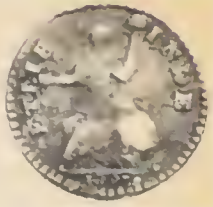

STACK'S "MASS. HIST. SOCIETY SALE" MARCH 29, 1973

43 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.1-A. Rarity 3. Another very popular type coin. **Small Head** with the **ET LIB INDE** reverse. Fairly well centered and sharply struck. Some pitting in the face, and several old light scratches across the bust. The central portion of the reverse is depressed as on all known specimens. The date is mostly on the planchet and all other parts of the lettering and design are clear. Very Fine. 'MHS'

90-

COIN GALLERIES SALE' AUG 20, 1986

1342 1787 M.1.1-A (R-3). Small Head. Fine, weak at centers but full date; somewhat granular obverse.

27.50

1.1-A

STACK'S "ROBISON SALE" FEB 10, 1982

180-
300-

Lot No. 121

121 1787 Mailed Bust Right. M.1.1-A. The Small Head obverse, ETLIB INDE reverse. Struck at Machin's Mill. A smooth light brown planchet, unusual for this issue. **Fine or better.** NICE
$300-

STACK'S "D. FLEISCHER COLL" SEPT 7-8, 1979

529 1787 Mailed Bust Right. M.1.1-A (R-3). The Small Head with ET LIB INDE reverse. Struck at Machin's Mills. Some weakness in the central portions characteristic of the variety. Well centered with no planchet chips or defects. Light even wear on a smooth medium brown planchet. Choice Very Fine or better. $200—

STACK'S "T.H. ALLEN" FEB 4, 1977

(30) 1787 Miller 1.1-A. Rarity 3. Small head. ETLIB INDE reverse. Perfectly centered and sharply struck with full date. Some pitting behind the head. A lovely chocolate brown smooth planchet. **Very Fine.**
$55-

STACK'S N. BRYANT" FEB 2, 1973

(10) 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.1-A. Rarity 3. Very Fine, except for some pitting behind the head. Small Head. ETLIB INDE reverse. Perfectly centered and sharply struck with full date. A lovely chocolate brown smooth planchet. $120-
$120-

PINE TREE EAC '76 SALE" MARCH 5, 1976

2109 MACHIN'S MILL ISSUES. 1787. M. 1.1-A. (High R-3) **Fine,** few details nearer to VF (full globe lines, King Conn's hair), others weaker as struck; excellent smooth reddish brown surfaces. Small mint clip over UCT, similar to that in EAC lot 75—an odd coincidence. **(Photo)** **($150.-200.)**
$110-
Small head right; ETLIB INDE

2109

PINE TREE "BREEN III", JUNE 19, 1978

212 **1787 Small Head Facing Right M.1.1-A.** (High R-3). **Fine,** few details nearer to VF (full globe lines, King Conn's hair), others weaker as struck; excellent smooth reddish brown surfaces. Small mint clip over UCT. **($125-150)**
$100-
Small head r.; ETLIB INDE.

PINE TREE "FUN '77" JAN 6, 1977

16 **1787. M.1.1-A.** (High R-3). **Fine,** few details nearer to VF (full globe lines, King Conn's hair), others weaker as struck; excellent smooth reddish brown surfaces. Small mint clip over UCT.
Small head r.; ETLIB INDE

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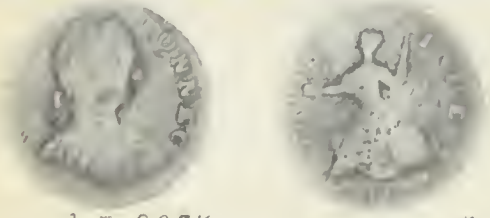
PINE TREE "GENA '76 SALE OCT 1, 1976
SEE STACK'S SALE DEC 1, 1993 LOT # 819 @ $264.00

M. 1.1-A (high R-3). VF overall, though some details of central obv. are barely Fine. Obv. uniform brown patina, rev. slightly granular. Refer to EAC sale lots No. 75 (VF plus at $525) and No. 338. $150

KAGIN'S SALE NO# 331 OCT 14-15, 1983



BIT DARK

186 1787 Miller 1.1-A. **VF-30.** Small Head facing right. $175

FINE

KAGIN'S SALE NO# 331 OCT 14-15, 1983

1189 **1787** Miller 11-A, Smallest Head right. About **VF-20** obverse with typical softness in center, reverse **Fine-12** with usual softness in center. Superior to most. Quite scarce thus $125

STACK'S "D. GROVES" NOV 12, 1974

[illegible] 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.1-A. Rarity 3. Small head and again with the **ET LIB INDE reverse** as above. A light planchet clip above UCT that affects none of [illegible] A nice [illegible] well struck and well centered coin with full date and [illegible] showing the double date line. **Fine to Very Fine.**
$50-

1.1-A

COIN GALLERIES SALE, JULY 18, 1990

2851 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.1-A. Small head; ETLIB INDE. Porous, with a small chip before the chin. Legends complete, bottoms of the date off the flan. Fine. BIT DARK - DEFECT (CHIP) FRONT OBV.

82.50

BIENNIAL PAIRINGS OF CONNECTICUT OBVERSES E. BARNSLEY

Obverse 1.1 of 1787

also known as

Obverse 1 of 1788

As pointed out by Miller (Pages 19 & 54), this die was paired two times with 1787 ~~obverses~~ REVERSES, A and VV, and once with the 1788 reverse I. Since the latter reverse was in turn paired with a Tory Halfpenny obverse (Ryder 31 or Miller 100), and likewise with three different Vermont Obverses, (Ryder 24, 25, & 26; Ryder 28 & 33; and Ryder 29), it can be truly said that this Connecticut obverse is indeed a ligature between three different series of Early American coins. Its pairing order is clearly established by an examination of the strikings resulting therefrom. First, 1.1-A was struck, with no observed specimens showing any die abnormalties. Afterwards, 1.1-VV was struck, its left field showing sinkage extending from the border to the bow-knot at the back of the head, partially obscuring the fillets. Then finally 1-I of 1788 was struck, at which time the left field sunk even further as did also the lower corner of the right field. It is interesting to note that this reverse I of 1788 is one of only three Connecticut reverses to show the superimposed crosses of the British Grand Union flag as armorial bearings on their shields. The other two such dies are the unique T and U reverses of 1786.

BOWER'S SACCONE COLL. NOV 6-8, 1989

225-
225-

1543 1787 Connecticut copper. M 1.1-A. 111.7 grains. Rarity-3. VF-20. A popular, immediately recognizable, classic Machin's Mills issue. Light gray brown. One rim clip visible on the obverse at 8:00, as usually seen on this combination (Taylor:2390, 2391, for others). Die states as the Taylor coins. Somewhat softly struck in the center of the reverse, also as often seen. A very fine example for inclusion in a type collection of Connecticut coppers.

247.50

The rim clipping usually seen on this combination was the result of strip being fed into the planchet cutter either too quickly, or by an inexperienced workman. If the former is the correct explanation, then it is quite possible that the Machin's Mills operation included some form of a mechanized planchet. It is more likely that this is a correct explanation than the second suggestion, since the vast majority of this combination are found with one or more planchet cutter clips and it is not likely that a single workman had been assigned to planchet cutting as his sole occupation over a long period of time.

Miller 1.1-A is usually found on very light weight planchets. In fact, the weight range of the 12 specimens currently recorded in the present writer's data base of Connecticut coppers is 111-126 grains.

BOWERS "FRONTENAC SALE" NOV 20, 1991

210-
280-
308.00

333 1787 Connecticut copper. M 1.1-A. VF-20. 111.7 grains. Rarity-3. A popular, immediately recognizable issue. Light gray-brown. One rim clip visible on the obverse at 8:00, as usually seen on this combination (Taylor:2390, 2391, for others). Die states as the Taylor coins. Somewhat softly struck in the center of the reverse, also as often seen. A very fine example for inclusion in a type collection of Connecticut coppers.

ALSO SEE BOWERS QUALITY SALE 3/26/92 LOT # 1585 AT $220.00 (PLATE)

BOWERS "FRONTENAC SALE" NOV 20, 1991

334 1787 Connecticut copper. M 1.1-A. F-15 to VF-20. Obverse scratched through effigy's bust. 115.5 grains. Planchet cutter clip at 6:00 on obverse, as usually seen. Late states of both dies. Obverse sunk behind head bow nearly indistinct, ribbon end still clear. However: reverse die failing in center. Both surfaces lightly granular. A second example of this variety

121.00

1.1-A

STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST, 1986

C56

C56 **1787 Copper.** Small head facing right. Miller 1.1-A. Extremely Fine. Struck at Machins Mills. Typical soft strike in center. Deep ebony. Rim clip at eleven o'clock, a feature we estimate half of this variety has. Popular and necessary as a type coin. 325.00

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Figure 16: 1787 and 1788 Small Head Right engraved by James F. Atlee and minted at Machin's Mill. This same obverse was used in combination with a Vermont reverse (see Plate XII, figure 7). Illustrated specimen Miller 1787 1.1-A, 106.6 grains. Another example of "biennial paring."

MIKE RINGO LIST JUNE, 1988

6. 1787 Small Head Right, ETLIB INDE reverse legend, M.1.1-A. Very Fine for the variety, weakly struck in the centers as is typical, with a tiny rim clip at 8:00. Smooth tan surfaces..... 250.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #21 SEPT, 1983

12. 1787 M 1.1-A Small Head, Fine-Very Fine 15, R-3. Some minor scratches, but overall very nice. A distict type. $275

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988

27 1787 Miller 1.1-A. ~~1787 Mailed Bust Left. Miller 11.1-E. Excellent surfaces~~. Fine, ~~the latter nearly Very Fine~~. 2 pieces. 385-

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988

28 1787 Miller 1.1A. ~~1787 Mailed Bust Left. Miller 13-D~~. Very Good, ~~nearly Fine~~. 2 pieces. 121-

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST OCT, 1981

22 1786 Mailed Bust Right, M.-1A. ET LIB INDE. The unusual type with the "double-chin" die break. Very Fine. An especially clean and desirable coin.....325.00

R. HUGHES LIST, DEC, 1980

1787 M-1, 1-A (R-3) Small Head, Extremely Fine.....750.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1977 ?

1787, MBR, Small Head Facing Right, M.1.1-A, (R-3), ETLIB INDE reverse, Good or better, slight weakness top of reverse, small planchet pit on bust, superb light brown color and surfaces.....45.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1979 ?

1787 Mailed Bust Right, M.1.1-A, (R-3), Small head facing right, reverse: ETLIB INDE. Dies by James Atlee, and struck at Machin's Mill. Very Good, light uniform porosity, with dark brown and coal black patination, and a tiny rim clip.....45.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1979 ?

1787 Mailed Bust Right, M.1.1-A, a duplicate. Technically Very Fine or better, with very sharp details, but we must mention some defects. First, there are some light scratches above the obverse figure's head, and second, there is a small area of repair between ETLIB and the reverse figure's head. Some light porosity, with red and dark brown coloration. The previous owner paid $350.00 for this coin several years ago. As is, still an acceptable example with great historical interest.....125.00

1.1-A

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2116 **1787 M.1.1-A. MBR. Overall Very Fine.** Rarity 3. 127.3 grains, a heavy weight for this Small Head variety. Olive brown. Surfaces uniformly granular. Centers soft, as usual. One, very tiny, clip at base of obverse. A very nice example of this "type" and the equal of Taylor:2391. Early obverse state, the failure from bow to field below here linear and very faint, ribbons unaffected.

220-
220-
242-

2116

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

*964 **1787 M.1.1-A. MBR.** Small Head. Another. Rarity 3. Strong Fine. 105.8 gns. Obverse tan and brown, reverse a very nice tan in color. Both surfaces micro granular but not at all displeasing. Soft in both centers, neck and Liberty's waist lack detail. Old parallel scratches across obverse but these are not distracting, either. Struck on a round planchet, **not clipped.** Faint obverse bulge behind head; reverse perfect.

160-
160-
176-

964

STACK'S SALE SEPT 1993

*965 **1787 M.1.1-A. MBR.** Small Head. A third. Rarity 3. Fine, claims to Very Fine. 121.3 gns. Even, dark olive brown. Surfaces micro granular. Not clipped. Obverse failure back of head to O more advanced now, somewhat late for this marriage; center of reverse failing.

180-
180-
198-

965

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

275-
650-
715.00

30+-35+
NICE VF
CLIP

Lot No. 963

TO D. MITUZAS

963 **1787 M.1.1-A. MBR.** Small Head. Rarity 3. Choice Very Fine, surfaces of an Extremely Fine coin. 111.7 gns. Olive brown obverse, lighter golden tan reverse. Minor roughness in the centers. Both surfaces smooth, hard, and glossy. Planchet cutter clip obverse at 2:00, typical of the variety; obverse rim below bust bevelled by the cutter. Reverse slightly off center, also rather typical, but affecting nothing save the denticles. A piece with eye appeal very near the Condition Census for the variety. Obverse die slightly sunk behind head but ribbons unaffected; reverse center beginning to fail.

From the Hillyer Ryder-F.C.C. Boyd Collections. NO TICKET

STACK'S SALE DEC 1-2, 1993

819 **1787 M.1.1-A.** MBR. The Small Head variety. Rarity 3. Fine/Very Fine. 118.9 gns. Even brown in color, a little darker below the bust. Obverse appears fairly smooth, reverse granular in the center, two short linear marks. Usual die states. Not clipped, somewhat unusual for the variety.

220-
240-
264-

→ *Ex Pine Tree's October 1, 1976 sale, lot 1* (PLATE) $50.00

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

*130 **1787 M.1.1-A. MBR.** ETLIB INDE. Small Head variety. R-3. Very Fine, reverse scratched across top. 114.9 gns. Olive brown on fairly smooth and hard surfaces. Minor granularity in centers only. Partial cutter lip upper left reverse rim. Not clipped, fairly unusual for the variety.

220
475

Early obverse state, the die beginning to sink in left field.

130

M&G AUCTIONS 'L.T. SMITH SALE' JAN 7, 1995

638.00

86 1787 CONNECTICUT M.1.1-A MBR VF 25 110.4 gns

The smallest head of the year and a major type coin in the series. Struck on an unclipped planchet which is rather unusual for this variety. Decent color: deep golden olive that's lighter at some high points with some brick red under tones on the obverse in a few places. Both sides a bit granular but not excessively so.

BOWER'S "SEBLING & GARBE" MARCH 21, 1996

247.50

1080 **1787 Connecticut copper. Mailed Bust Right. M.1.1-A. VF.** Rarity-3. 121.3 grains. The Small Head type of 1787, a separate and popular type unto itself, the archetype of a Machin's Mill issue. Well centered. Faint uniform porosity on both sides, but still attractive. On a round than without edge clips, an unusual occurrence for the variety.

1.1-A

BOWERS "M.H.S. SALE NOV 18, 1994

3195 Selection of 1787 Connecticut coppers: ☆ M 1.1-A. Mailed Bust Right. VG-8, porous. Rarity-3. 117.8 grains. Edge clip at 7:00 relative to the obverse ☆ 1 OF 6 PIECES

170

STACK'S SALE NOV 30, 1994

19 **1787 Connecticut. M.1.1-A.** The small head variety. Fine, usual central softness due to advanced die states. Typical clip, almost all of these were clipped. A decent Connecticut type coin.

154

BOWER'S 'M.H.S. SALE' NOV 14, 1994

3194 **1787 M 1.1-A. Mailed Bust Right. VF-20.** Rarity-3. 124.0 grains. A decent example of the smallest head of the year, a separate "type" in this series. Free of the edge clips that nearly always accompany this die combination, but with a pronounced planchet cutter rim around a portion of the obverse. Olive-brown surfaces display light porosity, but still an attractive example.

This is, perhaps, the most famous of all Machin's Mills' Connecticut issues.

176

BOWERS "M.H.S. SALE" NOV 18, 1994

3196 Group of 1787-dated Connecticut coppers: ☆ M 1.1-A. Mailed Bust Right. G-6. Rarity-3. 104.9 grains. Faint porosity ☆ 1 OF 7 PIECES

187

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES SALE JULY 13, 1992

6868 1787 Connecticut copper. M 1.1-A. Mailed Bust Right. VF-30 for sharpness. Rarity-3. 125.0 grains. Medium brown surfaces faintly granular, scattered patina and faint scratches on both sides. All things considered, still a nice example of the smallest head of the year type. A tiny planchet clip is noted at 4:00 relative to the obverse. N.B.

The majority of the surviving specimens of Miller 1.1-A are known on clipped planchets.

STACKS FIXED PRICE LIST SUMMER, 1995

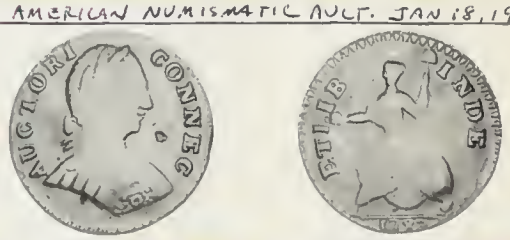
Lot No. 13

13 **1787 Small Head Right.** Miller 1.1-A. Choice Very Fine. Distinctive small head mailed bust faces right. Boldly detailed, with a hint of striking weakness at the center. Reverse ET LIB / INDE with half-globe shaped cap on pole, heavy sawtooth denticles. Appealing medium brown. $2,350.00

EAN AUCTION (D. LINETT) APRIL 20, 1996

43 **1787 CT Copper, Miller 1.1-A, Choice Very Fine.** 118.0 grains. Glossy chocolate-brown, with lighter tan high points. A small mark appears in the right obverse field; otherwise, the coin is definitely above-average. Nicely centered, with the date almost completely on the flan. A choice example of this popular "Small Head" variety. ..... **(500-600)**

EARLY AMERICAN NUMISMATIC AUCT. JAN 18, 1997



551 **1787 CT Copper, Miller 1.1-A, Choice Very Fine.** 118.0 grains. Glossy chocolate-brown, with lighter tan high points. A small mark appears in the right obverse field; otherwise, the coin is definitely above-average. Nicely centered, with the date almost completely on the flan. A choice example of this popular "Small Head" variety. ..... **(400-500)**

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C & BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

268. 55 THREE YEARS TRIO OF CONNECTICUT COPPERS: ~~1785 M.6.2-1.1 MBR (R-3) Basal/About Good 120.7 gns. Darker brown. Lightly corroded surfaces with soft scratches on both obverse and reverse apparently from an earlier attempt to remove corrosion. Full date, although weak. WITH 1786 M.5.4-0.1 MBL (R-2) Basal 117.6 gns. Dark brown with lighter highlights. Corroded surfaces. WITH~~ 1787 M.1-1.A MBR (R-3) Good 4 100.6 gns. Surfaces evenly corroded with damage on reverse field 7-9 o'clock. Small rim bumps on obverse 1-2 o'clock. All free of planchet clips. Total 3 pieces.

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C & BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

198. NB 1787 CONNECTICUT M.1.1-A (R-3) VF20 123.7 gns. ETLIB INDE legends, Small Head variety. Deep golden olive brown. The obverse has even light porosity, while the reverse has scattered micro pitting with porosity. Circular clip at 12:30 obverse, no features effected. A popular type.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPLM & SUMMER, 1994

19 1787 Connecticut, Miller 1.1-A, the smallest head of the year/anorexic seated figure on the reverse, with legend reading ETLIB INDE. Rarity-3. 125.3 grains. Very Fine, and quite solidly in that grade level. Boldly struck, with the legends and date all sharp [though just the very tops of TORI are off the planchet], and with equally bold design details. Medium brown surfaces, a few traces of obverse roughness and with one insignificant planchet clip at K-4 that does not extend past the denticles [the vast majority of this issue are known with one or more clips]. All in all, a very pleasing example of a major type coin—the smallest head of the year [this is the same obverse die used with the popular 1788 variety Miller 1-I, an example of which is offered in the Vermont coppers section below, it also being known as Ryder 39 in that series due to the use of a Vermont reverse die], and with a distinct reverse type that looks more like one of the early 1786 issues—a very thin seated figure, awkwardly perched atop a globe and with the legends reading ETLIB INDE [the only other die of this year with this legend is the extremely rare WW reverse]. An extremely popular issue and a coin with a lot of eye appeal for the grade.....$169

1.1-A

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

121 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.1-A, the Smallest Head of the year, reverse with anorexic Liberty, ETLIB INDE legend. Rarity-3. 128.3 grains. Very Fine, or just a hair's breadth from it. Boldly struck, with full legends and all the design details sharp. A small curved clip at the top of the obverse/lower reverse touches the last digit of the date, else that too is sharp. Another, much smaller clip at K-11 touches nothing. The planchet also appears to have been cut from a defective planchet cutter, as there are two large raised tabs on the rim. Attractive medium brown surfaces, slightly rough at the reverse center, though free of any sort of post-striking damage or defect. Really a most pleasing example of the variety. A major type coin, with the smallest head of the year [this obverse die later used on the 1788-dated variety Miller 1-I, offered below in the Vermont copper section where it is known as Ryder 39] and with a distinct reverse that looks like one of the 1786 counterfeit issues, having a very thin seated figure awkwardly placed atop a globe and with the legends reading ETLIB INDE [the only other reverse of the year with this legend is the extremely rare WW]. Always popular, and difficult to find much nicer than this.....$169

Most examples of this variety have at least one clip, suggesting that either a new cutter was used [new technology?] or that the coiners were trying to maximize their profits by cutting the planchets as close to each other as possible [and also lessening theweights of the individual coins in the process].

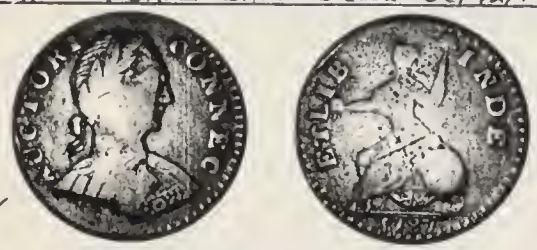
ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) SPRING 1996 FIXED PRICE LIST #11

122 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.1-A, another. 111.8 grains. Choice Fine. Boldly struck, with nearly full legends [only parts of TLIB are weak], a full date, as well as nice design details on either side. Struck on a planchet without any clips — itself a rarity — and with glossly light brown surfaces that are hard and completely free of the roughness that one usually finds on this issue. There is a small dig at the base of the obverse bust, and some rather insignificant handling marks on either side, else the surfaces are surprisingly choice. A pleasing lower grade example of this popular type, with a lot more eye appeal than many VF's that we've seen!.....$129

M&G 2ND CY SALE "BARNES COLL" OCT 12, 1996

JIM ROSEN

310 –
650 –
715 –



199. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.1.1-A MBR (R-3) VF30 118.7 gns. ETLIB INDE legends, Small Head variety. Milk chocolate brown. Choice, glossy surfaces. Damage free planchet. Free from porosity. Strike well centered. Extremely sharp legends and date. No clips or rim bumps. Struck at Machin's Mills Mint.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "DOOLEY" JAN 11, 1997

023. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.1.1-I MBR R3 VF20. 103.9 gns. The Small Head/ET LIB INDE Type. Deep chestnut and mahogany tones on a smooth oval shaped planchet. Unclipped, which is abnormal for a variety that almost always comes on clipped planchets. Slightly off center left each side, with excess planchet at the reverse right beyond the dentils, but all legends and date fully on the flan. A small linear depression on the reverse left of D of INDE, and no other problems. A nice example of this popular type.

BOWER'S "ROSSI & WILSON" MAY 30, 1997

$1210.00

38 1787 Connecticut copper. Mailed Bust Right. M.1.1-A. Rarity-3. EF-40 for sharpness, lightly cleaned long ago. Smallest Head, a separate and distinctive type. Tiny edge clip at 12:00, not uncommon for this die combination. Edge clips are the rule, not the exception, for Miller 1.1-A. A strong specimen overall, visually finer than Taylor-2391 for example.

Weight 123.2 grains. Diameter 1.077 inches.

This is an archetypical issue of Machin's Mills struck by Captain Thomas Machin and associates on the shores of Orange Pond, near Newburgh, New

1.1-A

1787 M.1.1-A ABOUT UNCIRCULATED (50)
ANTHONY TERRANOVA COLLECTION
EX BOWERS "HERDMAN SALE" DEC 8,1977 LOT#5051 (PLATE)
BREEN PLATE COIN

McCawley & Grellman 3rd C4 Sale Nov 8, 1997

156. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.1.1-A MBR (R-3) F15 123.9 gns. The Small Head/ ETLIB INDE Type. Hints of a full VF but with a weak reverse central strike. Dark olive brown, the surfaces not quite hard (there is some trace porosity) but quite smooth and semi glossy. Unclipped and problem free. Great appeal for the grade.

McCawley & Grellman 3rd C4 Sale Nov 8, 1997

242. ONE HALF DOZEN CONNECTICUT COPPERS. ~~1786 M.5.9-B.1 MBL (R-6) Low VG8 149.4~~ gns. ~~Light planchet striations. Porous planchet. Full date, some legend missing.~~ ~~WITH~~ 1787 M.1.1-A MBR (R-3) VG8 111.7 gns. Smooth, problem-free planchet. Medium brown. Visible date.

Rosa Americana Ltd Fixed Price List #13 Summer 1998

169. 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.1-A, Smallest Head obverse, ETLIB INDE reverse. 136.0 grains. Uncirculated. A pleasing ELECTROTYPE copy of this popular design type, obviously made from one of the nicest examples known. Boldly "struck," with full, sharp legends, date and all the design details crisp. Attractive light brown surfaces with iridescent mottling on either side. On a fully round planchet, unusual since the majority of genuine examples have at least one clip. Overall an extremely attractive – and very deceptive – example, and available for a small fraction of what a genuine example would cost.....$15

Rosa Americana Ltd Fixed Price List #12 Spring 1997

103 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.1.-A, a third. 124.0 grains. Nearly Very Fine in terms of wear actually received. Full legends and date; a small curved clip at K-2 barely touches the tops of ON on the obverse and completely misses the reverse legend. Dark brown, slightly grainy surfaces, an area of small pits in front of the obverse effigy's face, else fairly clean for the grade. An extremely inexpensive example of this popular counterfeit.....$69

1.1-A

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL#14 SUMMER 1999

AN EXCEPTIONAL MILLER 1.1-A

Smallest Head of the Year, ET LIB INDE Reverse

One of the Finest Known Examples! balderdash!

136. 1787 Connecticut Copper. Miller 1.1-A, the Smallest Head of the year, ET LIB INDE reverse. Rarity-3. 127.8 grains. Choice Extremely Fine, and a simply exceptional example of this unique type coin. BOLDLY struck, extremely nice for a variety that often comes weak. The legends are full and bold on either side and the small date is completely on the planchet, with a partial row of denticles visible beneath it. Very nice design details, just the very faintest weakness visible at the exact centers of either side, though everything else quite strong – including all the hair and armor detail on the obverse bust and every single globe line on the reverse. While the strike itself is exceptional for the variety, the color and surfaces really lift it to the realm of extraordinary. Gorgeous medium chocolate brown, hard and extremely glossy, a far cry from the dark and often rough surfaces that the issue is normally found with! There is one long but very thin vertical striation hidden in the center of the obverse bust, not visible at first glance, and a very small toning spot to the right of the shield on the reverse, else the coin is remarkably free of any sort of damage or defect on either side. Completely free of any sort of planchet clip, unusual for the variety. Amazingly nice for a variety that is only moderately scarce in lower grades but which is decidedly rare with any sort of eye appeal. Indeed, there are few examples in existence nicer than this. The only one that has appeared at auction that was a grade better was the Oecshner specimen, which was unfortunately scratched. There are a handful of EF examples out there, mostly in private collections, but including the Laird Park example (sold by Stack's in 1976) and the cleaned EF example in Bowers and Merena's May, 1997 sale that still brought a strong $1210; the Taylor coin was very nearly EF. Everything else has been in distinctly lower grade – Roper, Hessberg, Schenkel, Stack's August, 1993 auction and the third Perkins sale each had VF's of varying quality; the New Netherland's 60th sale piece was nearly VF, while Norweb's was just a Fine. We note that the Choice VF piece offered in Stack's 1997 fixed price list was listed at a whopping $2350! This one is a full grade nicer than that piece AND has better surfaces and greater eye appeal! The ANS has a nice EF example in their permanent collection, which is unfortunately holed, and the CNL specimen grades a nice VF. A first-class example of this type, the smallest head of the year and distinctly different from the other designs, with the reverse legend transposed as ET LIB INDE, linking it more to the early 1786 issues than the 1787's. Really choice pieces like this have increased in price two, three and four-fold in the last few years for the simple reason that there really are few choice examples out there, while the collector base continues to grow. A coin that will never need to be upgraded by its next owner, and a perfect example for a high grade type or variety set – and offered at a LOT less money than the lower grade piece sold by Stack's nearly two years ago! $1699

Distinctly different in appearance from the other 1787 issues, this variety has always been a popular type piece in the Connecticut series. The obverse die was later paired with a 1788-dated Vermont copper reverse to produce the 1788 Connecticut variety Miller 1-1 (which is also known as Vermont copper variety Ryder 39).

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL#14 SUMMER 1999

137. 1787 Connecticut Copper. Miller 1.1-A, another. 111.8 grains. Very Fine. Boldly struck, with full legends on either side, and all of the design detail expected of the grade, including much of the intricate detailing in the obverse effigy's mailed bust; a bit weak at the exact center of the reverse, as often seen. A small clip at the top of the obverse cuts off the bottom half of the 7, otherwise the date is complete and sharp. Oddly enough, most known examples of this variety display at least one clip – and often two, three or four clips! – clearly the coiners were trying to maximize profits by cutting the planchets as close as possible, eliminating as much wastage as they could (and thus saving the expense of melting and re-rolling the copper stock); in this case, the planchet cutter was also defective, leaving a small raised rim burr on the edge of the piece, clearly visible on the obverse at K-8. Very attractive dark brown surfaces with tan devices that give an attractive two-tone look to the piece; the surfaces are slightly dull, but free of any sort of post-striking damage, and the overall eye appeal of the coin is quite nice. While it's not in the same league as the above specimen, this one is a most affordable substitute, and a most pleasing example of this variety and unique naked-eye type coin! $299

1787 1.1-A ANS ASCENSION 2005 (BARNSLEY)

1.1-A

STACK'S SALE SEPT 16, 1997

400-
425-
467.50

Lot No. 117

BIT DARK

117 **1787 M.1.1-A.** Mailed Bust Right. Small Head. R-3. 130.5 gns, the heaviest weight recorded for one of these. Very Fine, overall. Even, medium brown in color. Both sides granular, some light pitting. Centers show old scratches. Nearly full date. Obverse planchet cutter clip at five o'clock, very typical for M.1.1-A which is almost always found clipped. Obverse lightly sunk on ribbons, extending left to engage OR in AUCTORI; reverse slightly sunk in the center, as usual. No perfect obverse state M.1.1-A has yet been seen; such a coin would be a great find.

Ex Robert Vlack in April, 1974.

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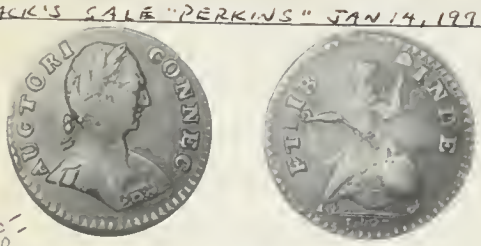
STACK'S SALE "PERKINS" JAN 14, 1998



1,100-
1,100-
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Lot No. 239

239 **1787 M.1.1-A.** MBR. Small Head. R-3. 106.4 gns. Choice Very Fine. Attractive, rich brown surfaces with some lighter gold on the high points. Fields remarkably smooth and hard with original gloss remaining on the obverse, particularly. Old and almost insignificant patch of corrosion around NDE on reverse. Minor pitting in the center of the obverse and reverse, but this is essentially unremarkable. Pronounced planchet cutter lip around the top of the reverse. Insignificant obverse rim bump above U. Near Condition Census for the variety. We have records of 43 of these.

Ex Wyatt Collection Sale (Superior, September 30, 1985, lot 50).

Obverse slightly sunk behind head, from ribbons to TO. Reverse slightly sunk in the center.

1.1-VV

P. 188 DR HALL'S MANUSCRIPT & NOTES

1787 Reverse V V

INDE ET LIB

Branch bowed opposite lower right corner of E.

This bronzine I found among an old lot of 250 bought from Mr. Steig Nov. 1897. by mere ~~chance~~ chance I recognised something peculiar about the reverse and dug, bowed & scratched with a needle, nothing over it for many days, with care not to injure the legend. The condition is now far from desirable altho it is the only specimen I have seen and turns up at a very late day considering etc. since Mr. Poindexter & Mr. Crosby first, gave to these pieces. I am inclined to match among the varieties v. elsewhere the reverse of 87 combined with Obv. 1-1

Combination 1-1 / VV

See fig. 63. for Obv. 1

See note written in printed book

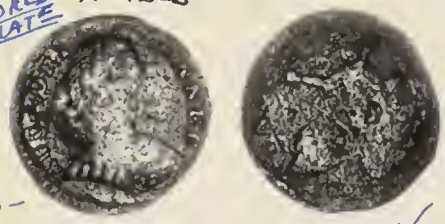
Oct. 10. 1902. Mr. Dexter Smith discovered a new specimen of Rev V V which he donated to me, which makes the 2nd one seen by me, Mr. Smith's specimen is patinated but in a good condition

1787 M 1.1-VV DISCOVERY SPECIMEN

Possible Discovery Coin

BOWER'S ~~TAYLOR~~ NORWEB SALE' MARCH 25, 1988

SEE COIN WORLD ENCY. PLATE



VERY CORRODED

$330-

NORWEB

2497 1787 Connecticut. M 1.1-VV. VG-6. Rarity-6+. 96.7 grains. 27.7mm 145 Possibly, **the discovery coin.** Dark brown verging on black. Very rough. Usual bulge over the hair ribbons on the obverse. Struck after obverse 1.1 was used in combination with reverse A. The obverse and weak reverse softness visible are typical of the combination (see Taylor: 2392) Pasted into the inventory book, recording this specimen, is the front of its old envelope, which reads

Reserved specimen 1-1
1787 VV

The first spec found. Bt from a lot from Steigerwalt Nov 97

Abt 1902 Mr Smith found a second specimen which he donated to me This duplicate then in cabinet exchanged for Mr Smith's new specimen

We are unsure of the identity of the individual writing this description From the handwriting, he was certainly not Dr Thomas Hall

Purchased between 1913-1915

SEE COIN WORLD ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE, 1990

BOWER'S "SCOTT SALE" JUNE 5-7, 1975

SEE BREEN PLATE #786

FINEST?

JIM GOODGE

82 1787 Mailed bust right. Small head. INDE ET LIB reverse. Miller 1.1-VV. Rarity 6 (Miller's highest degree of rarity). Very Fine. Some slightness of striking, as usual for this variety. Worth a generous bid from the specialist.

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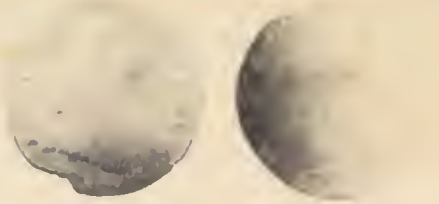
Note: Struck by Captain Thomas Machin at his clandestine Newburgh, N.Y. mint, circa 1787-1790.



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BOWERS RARE COIN REVIEW NO. 14 APRIL, MAY 1972

1787 Small head right. INDE ET LIB reverse. 1.1-VV (R-6). A Machin's Mill product with the distinctive small head obverse and with a reverse similarly executed to the preceding (1.1-A), but with legends in the correct form. INDE ET LIB. Apparently Miller had not seen one before writing his monograph for he observes that his description is "from Dr. Hall's later notes." We offer a fine example, carelessly struck on a lightweight planchet (as always for this variety), for 240.00

1.1-VV

76 1787. M. 1.1–VV. R–7. Same obv.; INDE ETLIB without punctuation. **Some details Fine, others VG**, local weaknesses from advanced die failures on both sides (resulting in the early discard of this reverse; the obverse survived a day or two longer, muled with a Vermont reverse to make 1–1 of 1788). Chocolate brown, minutely rough patina, no nicks or scratches. Finer than the Miller Plate coin or than either one in the New Netherlands 51st sale; **possibly one of three finest known**. Privately from the Brand collection. Very rare. (Photo) ($250.–up)

$170

EAC '75

PINE TREE 'EAC '75' $170 FEB 15, 1975 R. MARTIN

WHT. 126.75 GR.

EX. NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

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41 1787 Small Head Facing Right INDE ETLIB, M #1.1–V.V (R–7) Important type, unlisted in the Guide Book. VERY GOOD–10, dark surfaces. A major rarity.

$150

TO R. MARTIN

83 Duplicate. Very Good. Planchet naturally dark brown and rough. Weakness exactly as on preceding. Small thin flan as on all of these. A dull, rather insipid looking piece, but one of great desirability to type collectors and specialists alike. Ex Breen coll. ($30.00)

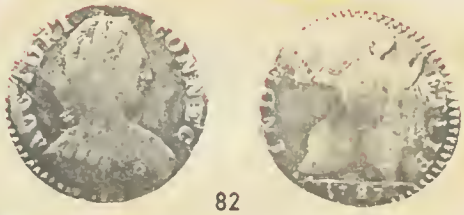
$31

We may hypothesize that the swelling in the center of the reverse die on the M. 1¹-VV (as in 1793 cent reverse K) accounts for the quick discard of the die.

NEW NETHERLANDS 51st SALE JUNE 19, 1958

82 1787. **Small bust right; INDE ETLIB** (instead of ETLIB INDE). M. 1¹-VV. Fine or better for the coin, and as such the finest we have seen; attractive, despite old and hardly visible surface scratches upon the high center area of the reverse. A weak strike from severely injured dies, as are the other 8 or 9 known. Its superiority to the Miller Plate coin (as well as to all others examined), makes difficult the placing of a valuation upon this lot which would sufficiently reflect its importance as a **Rarity 7** and a true-type. From the same source as last. **Plate** ($60.00)

$80



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1787 M 1.1-VV R. MARTIN

Among the Finest Known

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

REV. SCRATCHES

$577.50 SMOOTH DARK FIELDS TAN DEVICES TAYLOR

2392 1787 Connecticut. M 1.1-VV. Mailed Bust Right. 120.7 grains. **High Rarity-6. F-12.** Struck on an irregular flan. In terms of sharpness a match to the Pine Tree/E.A.C. sale specimen. ~~Obverse~~ scratches on the center, as noted in the New Netherlands Sale catalogue (51st). Struck from injured and buckled dies, bulges and breaks on both surfaces, particularly the reverse, which is bulged clear across its center. Numeral 8 of date originally punched too high corrected lower. Were it not for the reverse scratches, this would be an equal to the Pine Tree/E.A.C. example.

From New Netherlands 51st, June 1958, Lot 82.

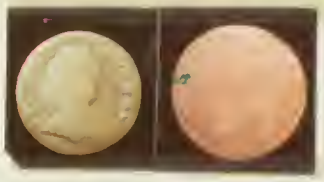
TO R. MARTIN

BOWERS "TUROFF SALE OCT 1, 1976

558 1787 Small Head Facing Right. INDE ETLIB reverse. 1.1-VV (R-6). Obverse with small Romanesque head as preceding; from the same die. Reverse without transmogrified legend, but with the correct order INDE ETLIB, ET and LIB being closely spaced as one word. Type unlisted in the *Guide Book* (which just lists the ETLIB INDE reverse with this obverse). Good to Very Good. Exceedingly rare. $45 – J. GOUDGE

1787 1.1-VV GOOD/VERY GOOD, POROSITY

JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION 1989 – ED SARRAFIAN – PETER SCHERFF NOTE GREEN INK SPOT ON REV. NOT ON COIN



COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

1.1-VV

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN. 1985 SEE COLOR PHOTO

3) 1787 M.1.1-vv Good. Crude, oblong shaped flan resulting in portions of legends and date off flan. Smooth medium brown. *

1 1-VV

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.1.1-VV
FINE, DARK
UGLY!
GIFT OF TRAILMANS 1965

1.1-VV; "donated" by Jerry Tralims, Hialea, Fla. (1965); 118.5 gr

VLACK 1787 PLATE (1965)

1.1-VV

MILLER PLATE

1 VV

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 29, 1920

1860 1787. C. 1-VV. Fair. Rare. 5.00

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1987)

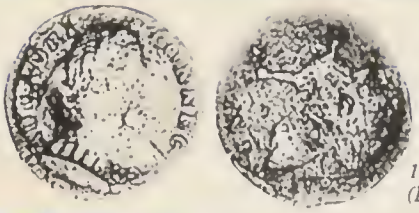
786 1787 Small head, INDE ETLIB Very rare.

M. 1.1-VV. Small crude flans as last, often rough. Obv. reused with a 1788 Vermont rev. to make 855. Always in low grades. Discovered by Dr. Thomas Hall, Jan. 1897.

SEE 'BOWERS/SCOTT SALE JUNE 5-7, 1975 LOT # 82

BREEN PLATE

COIN WORLD ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE, 1990



SEE NORWEB #2947

1787 copper
(Photo courtesy Bowers & Merena)

C.215. 1787 Copper: Small mailed bust right. INDE ETLIB., Machin's Mills issue. M 1.1-VV, Norweb without grade, $330.

1.1-V.V

BIENNIAL PAIRINGS OF CONNECTICUT OBVERSES E. BARNSLEY

Obverse 1.1 of 1787

also known as

Obverse 1 of 1788

As pointed out by Miller (Pages 19 & 54), this die was paired two times with 1787 ~~obverses~~ REVERSES, A and VV, and once with the 1788 reverse I. Since the latter reverse was in turn paired with a Tory Halfpenny obverse (Ryder 31 or Miller 100), and likewise with three different Vermont Obverses, (Ryder 24, 25, & 26; Ryder 28 & 33; and Ryder 29), it can be truly said that this Connecticut obverse is indeed a ligature between three different series of Early American coins. Its pairing order is clearly established by an examination of the strikings resulting therefrom. First, 1.1-A was struck, with no observed specimens showing any die abnormalties. Afterwards, 1.1-VV was struck, its left field showing sinkage extending from the border to the bow-knot at the back of the head, partially obscuring the fillets. Then finally 1-I of 1788 was struck, at which time the left field sunk even further as did also the lower corner of the right field. It is interesting to note that this reverse I of 1788 is one of only three Connecticut reverses to show the superimposed crosses of the British Grand Union flag as armorial bearings on their shields. The other two such dies are the unique T and U reverses of 1786.

1787 1.1-VV'S GROUP PHOTO 5 SPECIMENS

PHOTO TAKEN 1989 EAC CONVENTION

1) ROBERT MARTIN COLL
2) ROBERT MARTIN COLL.
3) JIM GOUDGE COLL.
4) JIM. GOUDGE COLL.
5. PETER SCHERFF COLL.

1787 CONNECTICUT
M.1.1-vv
Breen 786

1) VF J. Goudge Coll. Bowers Scott Sale 8/5/75, lot #62 Breen Encyclopedia Plate coin
2) Good/VG J. Goudge Coll. Bowers Turoff Sale 10/1/78 lot #558
3) Fine R. Martin Coll. New England Sale Buckley Coll. 7/23/78 lot #41 Pine Tree EAC "75" Sale 2/15/75 lot #78 Earlier Virgil Brand collection
4) Fine R. Martin Coll.; Bowers Taylor Sale 3/27/87, lot #2782; NN 51st sale 8/19/94, lot #82
5) VG New Netherlands 51st Sale 6/18/94 lot #53
6) VG F. Peter Scherff Coll. 1991. Ed Sarraffen Coll. 1889 - J. Goudge
7) G VG Bowers Rare Coin Review #14 April/May 1972 Plated
8) Fine Corroded D. Mikulas Coll. Bowers Norweb Sale 3/24/86 lot #2497 1990 Coin World Encyclopedia Plate Dr. Hall Collection November 1897 Discovery Coin
9) VG CNL Foundation (Barnsley Coll) 1989
10) Good ANS Collection
11) Fine Miller Plate Coin Abe Eldere Miller Sale 5/29/20 lot #180077 Called I-ee
12) VF Mack Plate Coin

1.1-VV

1787 M.1.1-VV VERY FINE. FINEST KNOWN.
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION
EX BOWERS & RUDDY "SCOTT SALE" JUNE 5, 1975 LOT#82
BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE COIN

1787 M.1.1-VV FINE. SOME ROUGHNESS.
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION.

1.1-VV

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN. 1985

3) 1787 M.1.1-vv Good. Crude, oblong shaped flan resulting in portions of legends and date off flan. Smooth medium brown. *

ANS Collection
Connecticut Coppers

Dick August Collection Nov 21, 1998.
1787 1.1-VV Fine. Dark Brown. Indentation center reverse.

STATE COINAGE OF CONNECTICUT (1920) H.C. MILLER 1.2-C

Var. 2. Largest head of the year. A close to mail, final C distant. On most specimens CONNEC weakly struck, the E not showing. "Bradford Head," "Mutton Head." 1^2—C (R^3)

Reverse C.

INDE · ET LIB

Period after INDE large. Date small, figures leaning to left, short branch with three leaves. Elbow forms a sharp point. 1^2—C

NICKNAMED CONNECTICUTS EDWARD BARNSLEY

(7) MUTTON HEAD, Miller Obv. 1.2 of 1787

1.2-C

Common Variety

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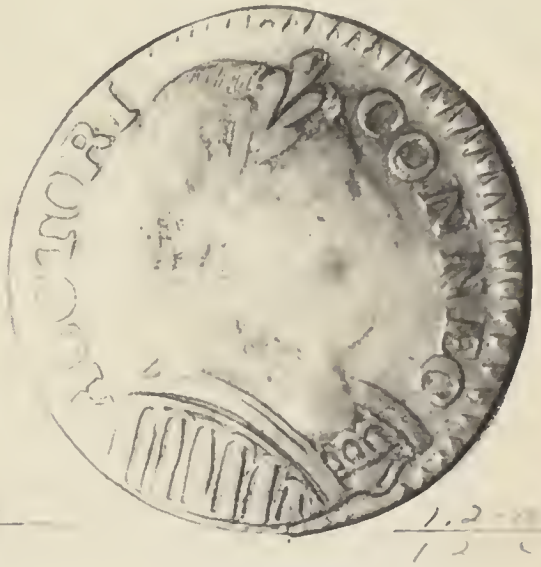

1.2-C?

Rare Variety

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The first nickname of this die was Bull's Head, which was taken, no doubt, from the common name applied contemporaneously to the early 19th Century coinage of George III which showed the laureate head of the monarch as being fat, old and senile, hence the British cognomen for these issues was "Bullhead" or "Bull's Head". Anyway, in 1859 Dickeson said, "The obverse of this die [his No. 76] must have been rough, and the effigy out of proportion to the planchet. It is known as the Bull's Head." In 1875 Crosby renamed the die, saying: "The largest head [found upon coins of Connecticut] is known as the mutton head. It has a wreath of eleven medium leaves, and is very seldom found in fine condition." In 1892 Hall supplied a third name for this die. He called it: "The largest head of the year. Mutton Head. Head of Gov. Bradford. Bull's head, No. 76 Dickeson." The new name for this die may have been suggested by a fanciful resemblence of the bust to a portrait of William Bradford, 1590-1657, the second governor of Plymouth Colony. In 1920 Miller dropped the use of Bull's Head, and carried forward only the nicknames Bradford Head and Mutton Head. It should be noted that this die actually occurs in two distinct varieties which should be numismatically identified one from the other by different numerical designation. In the common phase, all legend letters are very lightly sunk, which is probably why Crosby said that the variety is seldom found in fine condition.

Even when occurring in well struck specimens, the E does not show at all; both N's have their right hand bars missing; and only half of each O shows. The first O (over) →

1.2-C

resembles a left-hand parenthesis, and the second O resembles a right-hand parenthesis. In the rare phase of this die, the legend is deeply sunk, so that each and every letter is distinct and clearly formed. Only a few 1.2-C's and the four know 1.2 - mm's are of the latter variety. Some students have contended that those rare specimens with fully legible legends are simply later die states, but the present writer disagrees with this theory. See the accompanying illustrations.

Concerning the manufacture of Muttonhead 1.2-C's, the New Netherlands auction catalog of June 19, 1958, Lot No. 84, said: "The workmanship is not that of Atlee, nor yet of Abel Buel, and we are inclined to think it a contemporary imitation."

* See Editor's Note -- Page392 *

* EDITOR'S NOTE:

NICKNAMED CONNECTICUTS ED BARNSLEY

In cooperation with Ned Barnsley, ye editor has made a detailed study, using photo-optical techniques, of the Mutton Heads and the results of this study are presented here. Some modern writers have stated that the rare variety -- the one with the perfect legend letters -- is a "repunched" die with the imperfect letters of the original die having been strengthened by repunching after a considerable number of specimens had been struck from them. My conclusions are that this is not at all the case, but that almost the exact reverse is the true situation and that the original die state is the one having the perfect lettering in the legend.

It appears that the die sinker who made this die was a reasonably skilled craftsman in the art of metalworking and engraving, but was not artistically skilled in the subtle requirements of die sinking as regards the degree of relief of the central effigy. As a consequence, he produced initially a die with the central figure much too deeply cut to produce a coin struck up to full relief. After a number of tries to get a good impression -- attempts which included very heavy striking -- he abandoned this approach and instead lapped the die to remove metal from the field, thus reducing the overall depth of the central effigy in the die. But, he went too far -- so far in fact that he removed considerable portions of the legend letters. Had all these legend letters been uniformly sunk into the die they would have all faded out in a uniform manner, if at all. However, they were not uniform in depth or vertical alignment. The E in CONNEC was not as deeply sunk as the other letters and was totally removed from the face of the die. Since the right edges of the O in AUCTORI and the two N's in CONNEC are missing we know that these three letters were sunk using letter punches held slightly to the right of vertical (relative to the die face) and I conclude that the die sinker was right handed, having this tendency to tilt the puncheon in the direction of his hammer hand.

The detail in the central figure on coinage specimens having the imperfect legend is considerably improved, indicating that the die sinker achieved his objective at the expense of ruining the legend letters. By the time he recognized his new problem he may well have rehardened the die thus precluding his deepening the imperfect letters by repunching, and so continued his production of the coinage with the imperfect legend.

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At present I cannot say exactly what process was used to lap a die during the late 1700 era; it is probable that a die required annealing prior to lapping and then rehardening, but I have not located this specific point in the contemporary literature on the subject. However, there is positive evidence on the coins that the dies were occasionally lapped in attempts to repair or modify them. The Horned Bust die -- Obverse 4 of 1787 illustrated on page 385 -- is also a lapped die! In this case the lapping took place at just about the time that the cresent shaped chip first touched the bust. As a result numerous changes took place in the design detail, the most evident being in the hairlines just below the left ear. Prior to lapping there was substantial detail in this area, after lapping only the heavy hair structure remained. No doubt intended to remove or make the developing die break less noticable, the lapping failed in this but instead added emphasis to one of the most unusual die breaks on early American coinage -- a break that not only lengthens with development but also marches across the die at right angles to its apparent line of fracture, receding from the chin of the bust as it progresses. A number of other factors were also involved but I will save their discussion for a future article where we will present a series of photographs which permit this unusual die break to be viewed as in time-lapse photography.

Ned Barnsley has suggested that the Mutton Heads should be classed as two distinct varieties numismatically identified one from the other by different numerical designation. We wonder what our Patrons think of this suggestion? It is evident that naturally occurring phenomena such as die breaks or clicking marks should have no real bearing on the attribution scheme, but what about changes that were intentionally man-made such as these two examples of the Mutton Head legends, which are readily evident, and those of the Horned Bust where the differences are much more subtle? The identical die used in different years received different designations in the Miller attribution scheme. And, hypothetically, a die used for a period of time and then changed by the addition of a single ornament would also be differently identified -- this may have actually occurred and we have not recognized the fact. Perhaps there are also dies so similiar in structure that we cannot identify the product of one from the other. No doubt there are many more examples of man-made changes to dies that have yet to be recognized as to their true nature.

This is a rather profound question that requires discussion, so we have decided to present it as a Research Forum question, thus:

RF-41 Should the die variety attribution techniques now in use be modified or changed in some manner to recognize intentional man-made changes to dies that resulted in recognizable differences in the subsequent coinage? If so, how can this best be accomplished?

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NICKNAMED CONNECTICUTS EDWARY BARNSLEY

(12) TOPLESS LIBERTY, Miller Reverse C of 1787

BARNSLEY COLLECTION

The topless Liberty engraved on this die is indeed unique among the 193 known Connecticut reverses. This female figure, dressed in the haute couture of the Court of Louis XVI, wears a combed wig, and an ankle length gown with full skirt fitted with three-quarter length flared sleeves, and square neck bodice cut well below the bosom. A stole is draped over her right shoulder, under her left arm, and across her lap in such a way as not to screen her bare chest. There she sits on top of the world, a proud "Emblem of Liberty with an olive branch in her hand" as called for by the Connecticut legislature which specified the reverse design of their copper pieces. Ladies with undraped bosoms have appeared on many issues of U.S.Currency, but whenever they were engraved on U.S.coins, trouble always ensued. For example, the beautiful Amazonian pattern coinage of 1872 was never accepted, although William Barber's Seated Liberty exposed only half the nudity displayed by her Connecticut counterpart. The first Standing Liberty quarters were also engraved with undraped bosoms, but they were considered entirely too risque. So even before the coinage year of 1917 was finished, the die was altered so that the topless lady was protectively encased in a vest of armor. Connecticut Reverse C of 1787 remains, therefore, the only die of Topless Liberty design used on any Early American coinage, or for that matter, on any United States coin.

1.2-C

The Mysterious Muttonhead

by Gary A. Trudgen

The following article represents the personal opinions of Gary A. Trudgen, a New York numismatist. In recent years, his writing, particularly on the subject of Machin's Mills and related copper coinage of the 1785-1788 years, has appeared in The Colonial Newsletter *and elsewhere.*

The large Mailed Bust Right Connecticut copper of 1787, known as the Muttonhead, is stylistically unlike any other Connecticut copper. The Muttonhead has always been considered a contemporary counterfeit but its origins have remained a mystery. In this article I will set forth some of my observations concerning this intriguing copper and give my opinion as to its source.

1817 Half crown, Geo. III, "bull" head variety (Bowers and Merena)

Over the years the Muttonhead has also been known by other nicknames. It was first called the Bull's Head. Supposedly this name came about because the obverse bust resembled the bust of George III on the 1816 and 1817 half crown issue, which showed the king's lips pursed with anger, his brow knitted, and with an overall air of truculent persistence. The British nickname for this portrait was "bull" head. In 1875 Sylvester Crosby renamed the die "Muttonhead." However, in 1892, Dr. Thomas Hall supplied a third name, the "Bradford Head." This new name may have been coined because of a fanciful resemblance of the bust to a portrait of William Bradford (1590-1657), second governor of Plymouth Colony. The Bull's Head nickname was dropped by Henry Miller in 1920, leaving only the nicknames Bradford Head and Muttonhead. Today this die is usually referred to as the Muttonhead; two varieties are known, made from one obverse and two reverse dies. These varieties are labeled Miller-1.2-C and 1.2-mm.

Miller-1.2-C is the most common variety of the two. It is found in three different die states. In the early die state both the obverse and reverse show complete legends. However, the center of the bust is not struck up because it was cut too deeply into the die. Since the early die state is rarely or seldom found, the die engraver must have quickly realized the problem and decided to do something about it. He lapped (i.e., ground down) the obverse die to remove metal from the field. This reduced the

1787 Connecticut, Muttonhead variety, M-1.2-C (A.N.S. Collection)

Overall depth of the central bust but also removed portions of the legend. Thus, the intermediate die state, where the obverse die is lapped and the reverse die is untouched, can be recognized because the obverse central bust is better struck and the legend is partially missing. The legend is readable, although the "E" in CONNEC is totally gone because it was not sunk as deeply into the die as the other letters in the legend. The final or late die state shows that the obverse die was again lapped, removing more metal from the field and making the legend practically unreadable. The reverse die was also lapped in the late die state, removing portions of the letters and numerals in the legend and date. Many numismatic cataloguers do not realize that there are three distinct die states because they combine the early and intermediate die states into what they call the "early die state."

1787 Connecticut, Muttonhead variety, M-1.2-mm (Colonial Newletter Foundation, ex. Barnsley)

Miller variety 1.2-mm is rare, probably high R-7 (fewer than six thought to survive). It was probably the first variety to be struck because the obverse die is unlapped, or in its early die state, and the reverse die is poorly made. The reverse "mm" die has practically no relief and the legend and date are not properly sunk and are unevenly spaced. Thus, this die was quickly discarded and replaced by the reverse "C" die.

1787 Nova Eborac, large head variety (A.N.S. Collection)

Who made the Muttonhead coppers? The style of the central devices is unlike any of the other Connecticut coppers, and the large letter punches used for the legend are not found on other colonial coppers. But what about the small numeral punches used to sink the date? A comparison of the Muttonhead date numerals with those of the NOVA EBORAC and EXCELSIOR coppers shows them to be remarkably alike. In fact, it appears that the same "1" and "7" punches were used to make the Muttonheads and these coppers. The "8" number punch used on the Muttonheads is not the same but still very similar to the "8" number punches used to make the NOVA EBORAC and EXCELSIOR coppers.

Next, let's consider the artistic style of the Muttonhead central devices against that of the NOVA EBORAC central devices. Does it appear that the same die engraver cut these devices—the Mailed Bust and Seated Liberty? The answer is an emphatic YES! If we first consider the mailed bust of the obverse dies we find:

(1). The mail or armor design of the Muttonhead is very similar to the large and small head NOVA EBORACS.

(2). The wreath, which consists of several pairs of medium-size leaves, is the same as the NOVA EBORACS.

(3). The almond-shaped eye and small pursed or puckered lips are the same as the NOVA EBORACS.

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(4). The hair is made from fine lines as found on the NOVA EBORACS although the hair does not extend from a single point at the back of the head as is found with the NOVA EBORACS.

Now we shall consider the similarities in artistic style of the seated Liberty on the reverse dies. First, however, it should be noted that Ms. Liberty of the Muttonhead copper is topless, making this design unique among the early American coinages. The similarities of the reverse central devices of Muttonhead reverse "C" and the NOVA EBORACS are:

(1). The decorative border of Liberty's shield is the same as the small head NOVA EBORAC.

(2). Liberty's head and especially the treatment of her hair is the same as the small head NOVA EBORAC.

(3). Liberty's robe or gown has many vertical folds as is found on all of the NOVA EBORACS.

(4). The liberty cap on the end of the spear has a brim. The liberty cap used on the small head NOVA EBORAC also has a brim.

(5). The sprig or olive branch in Liberty's right hand is similar in design to all of the NOVA EBORACS except the small head variety.

(6). Liberty's left elbow is elongated with an unnatural appearance as though something is hung from her elbow or wrapped around it. This same treatment is found on all of the NOVA EBORAC and EXCELSIOR coppers. I consider this highly unusual design or style characteristic to be very important because it leaves little doubt that the same diesinker engraved the dies for these coppers.

From the preceding observations, I believe that we can attribute the Muttonhead coppers to John Bailey, the New York City coiner. Bailey is credited with engraving the dies that were used to strike the NOVA EBORAC and EXCELSIOR coppers. The Muttonhead dies were probably the first dies made by Bailey. This conclusion is suggested by the problems he encountered with the Muttonhead dies. He was not yet aware of the subtle requirements of diesinking, although he had worked as a cutter for several years. He cut the obverse central device too deeply, the reverse "mm" central device too shallowly, sank the letters in the legend at uneven depths, and had trouble with the spacing of the letters in the legend. However, since Bailey was an experienced worker in metal he quickly learned the art of diesinking as shown by some of his later dies. Finally, because of the close style tie-ins, the small head NOVA EBORAC dies were probably the next to be made after the Muttonhead dies.

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PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

1.2-C

UNLOCATED PRIVATE MINT (NEW YORK CITY?)

MAILED BUST RIGHT

EAC '75

67* **1787. M. 1.2-C** (Early State R-6). The famous **"Muttonhead".** Largest head in the Connecticut series. Rev. topless Ms. Liberty, her head dividing INDE, ET and LIB. Rare early state before the dies were drastically reground (compare next lot). **Some details nearly Fine, cuirass apparently fully Fine, other details weaker,** EC and LI not legible; surface suggest Fine. **Important type coin;** most of the higher grade examples of this variety are of the later die state. Finer than lot 128, Appleton–MHS group, Stack's, October, 1970. It has been conjectured that the "Muttonhead" coins may have been the otherwise unidentified issue by Major Eli Leavenworth. **(Photo)** **($175.–up)**

*Bids accepted by mail only. $145 —

$145

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EAC '75

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

MAILED BUST LEFT DESIGN

One of the 3 Finest Known

EAC '75

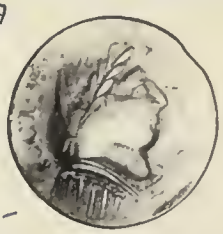
68 **1787.** M. 1.2-C, early state, less early than last. Top of head weak as are r. half of O in AUCTORI, all of E and parts of ONN; about ¾ obv. border serrations show. **Some details Very Fine, others Fine or a little weaker;** light to medium steel tone, two small mint clips at RI and CO, few very minor handling marks not disturbing the colors, a small rim dent over U being the only one serious enough to require mention. **Much rarer than the later state** (which follows) and much harder to find in decent condition; all the high grade survivors of this variety are from the later die state. **A fairly good match for the Vlack Plate coin,** aside from the handling marks. **This is the first time that three different states of the "Muttonhead" have been offered together.** Ex R. A. Vlack, Alan Kessler collections. **(Photo)** EAC '75 **($250.–up)**

$290

BOWER'S 'NORWEB II SALE' MARCH 25, 1988

UNDERGRADED VG

COIN WORLD PLATE



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NORWEB

2498 1787 Connecticut. M 1.2-C. AG-3 G-6. Rarity-3. 149.4 grains 29.1mm. 190°. Dark and glossy. Obverse rim clip at 1:00. Very late die states, after lapping, with considerable loss of definition in the legends, and elsewhere on the dies. Taylor. 2394 was an intermediate state, earlier than this. The reverse die in this state has sunken in a crescent shape from the back of Liberty's head to the top of the shield. *Purchased between 1913-1915.* SEE COIN WORLD ENCY. PLATE

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975 $290 —

69* **1787.** M. 1.2-C. Late reground die state, R-4. Only traces of obv. legend remain, and most details of hair and cuirass are attenuated. Ms. Liberty remains topless, but letters and date are thin and incomplete, cap on pole much smaller. **Difficult to grade,** this piece does not show much wear but is locally weak as struck; light olive and tan surfaces show shallow abrasion and **suggest close to VF,** and there is some porosity in hair. Similar to the piece pictured in Taxay; **far above average for the type. Possibly the "EF, weak"** example in the Bowers list at $249. Slightly sharper than the 1970 Appleton–MHS coin, lot 127, "EF". Some authorities have surmised that the present die state was deliberately made to suggest an anonymous well worn halfpenny after oversupply of Connecticut coppers had driven the market price far below their normal 14 per shilling. C. Wyllys Betts presented one of these to ANS about 1886 with the explicit notation that it represented an imitation halfpenny. **(Photo) ($150.–200.)**

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EAC '75

SEE BREEN PLATE (765)

Exceptional 1787 Connecticut "Muttonhead" Copper

BOWERS & RUDDY AUCTION "ROBERT MARKS COLLECTION NOV, 1972

115 **1787 Connecticut "Muttonhead" copper.** Miller 1.2-C. Also called the "Bradford Head," Miller 1.2-C is from dies which bear little relation to other pieces in the Connecticut series. The portrait is of a distinctive "Roman" style. The obverse lettering is indistinctly engraved (even on the best of specimens; in a later die state this was corrected by re-engraving the letters). The reverse depicts an elegant figure, perhaps a princess, in a style entirely unlike the usual Britannia-inspired device. The date, 1787, is in small, crude letters, and the legend, INDE ET LIB is indistinct in the die. **Uncirculated,** lustrous brown. The only other mint-state "Muttonhead" we can trace in recent years is a specimen sold by Bowers and Ruddy Galleries, Inc. in 1971. That coin, sold to a dealer, is now in a private collection in its home state, Connecticut. Here is an opportunity to acquire a top-grade specimen of one of the most curious of all Connecticut varieties.

$410 —

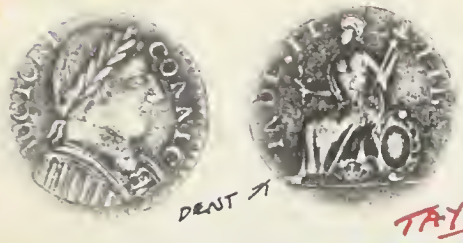
1.2-C

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

1787 M 1.2-C

Rare Early Obverse State

DARK GRAINY



DENT

TAYLOR

$220

2393 1787 Connecticut. M 1.2-C. Mailed Bust Right. "Muttonhead" or "Bradford" variety. 139.6 grains. Rarity-3. F-15. Dark and minutely porous, but with all details as sharp as the grade suggests. Struck from the rare, unlapped obverse, with all letters in the legend complete. Consequently, considerably rarer than the rating for the variety given above, probably high Rarity-6. Sharper, and with more detail than the Pine Tree E.A.C. specimen. For an example of the later, lapped die, see the next lot.

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

1787 M 1.2-C

TOO ROUGH DEFECTIVE

Intermediate Obverse State

DENT

TAYLOR

$275

2394 1787 Connecticut. M 1.2-C. Mailed Bust Right. "Muttonhead" or "Bradford" variety. 121.2 grains. Rarity-3. VF-20/VF-30. Golden brown, imperfectly annealed and rolled. A high-grade example from the intermediate stage of the obverse die, after partial regrinding: right half of first O, left half of second O, second upright of each N, and final E in the obverse legend lapped off the die. Full denticulation, even around the heavily-lapped areas. Outstandingly sharp reverse, with full hair, globe, and shield detail.

BOWERS "TUROFF" OCT 1, 1976

761 1787 Connecticut. *Muttonhead* variety. Miller 1.2-C. (R-3). VG-Fine. Weakly struck (as usual for 1.2-C) and with some minor planchet defects. Quite popular, due no doubt in part to the curious appellation by which this coin is known. $30

HIM. INC "PHILIPS COLL" FEB 11-12, 1983

1028 1787. "Mutton Head" M.1.2-C (R-3). Weak Fine.

Armor, shield and globe clear, medium and light brown toning, but cleaning lines and partial piercing at head on reverse $35

SAN DIEGO SHOW (D. LINETT) JAN 22, 1988

SEE TAYLOR #2393

1787 Miller 1.2-C

Rare Early Obverse Die State

$682

409 1787, CONNECTICUT, M 1-2-C, Mailed Bust Right, "Muttonhead" or "Bradford" variety, R-3, Very Fine or better. Closer to AU in terms of actual wear this specimen has been downgraded due to it's darker, minutely porous surfaces. It visually looks very sharp and quite pleasing. The centering is excellent, all legends and the hair detail is sharp and clear. Very rare in this die state and is one of the finest known to have full obverse text. Absolutely defect free with only a faint reverse edge tich at 7:00 is mentioned for identification. Much finer than even the 1980 Garrett specimen Lot 1350, in VF, which brought $1100. A coin for the quality conscious collector and probably more than R-6 this fine..... (800-1100)

STACK'S SALE NOV 30, 1994

20 1787 Connecticut. M.1.2-C. The Mutton head variety. Fine, nearly Very Fine, the obverse softness due to die wear and not circulation. Olive brown, granular, deep obverse flaw. Usual, intermediate obverse state. A distinct type coin in the series.

1787 Connecticut Miller 1.2-C

BOWERS "GARRETT" SALE OCT 1, 1980

COIN WORLD PLATE

GARRETT

1350 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.2-C. 133.75 grains. Rarity-3. Extremely popular *Mutton Head* or *Bradford Head* type. Not rare, but the strong demand makes up for the availability of specimens.

Very Fine or better from a wear viewpoint. The second die state in which a few of the letters are partially ground off on the obverse die. The balance of the obverse is sharp as is the reverse, which has a full date. A few minor scratches on the reverse between the head and the liberty cap. A pleasing light brown specimen which originally belonged to Sylvester S. Crosby.

SEE COIN WORLD ENCY. PLATE (1990)

From the collection of Sylvester S. Crosby

OPEN $2,00 — SOLD $1,100

STACK'S SALE SEPT 21, 1994

1787 MILLER 1.2-C

The Crosby-Garrett Coin

$1,045

Lot No. 25

EX. GARRETT

25 **1787 M.1.2-C. MBR.** R-3. "Muttonhead" variety. Good Very Fine, nice medium orange-tan color, surfaces micro-granular but middle state 1.2-C's usually come this way. 133.8 gns. Intermediate obverse die state, weakness in letters attributable entirely to the wear in the die. This was the **Sylvester S. Crosby coin,** later to the Garretts. No real defects worth mentioning, just a good specimen with an outstanding pedigree.

Ex Garrett Collection (Bowers & Ruddy, October 1980), lot 1350; earlier, ex Crosby Collection.

AUCTION '81 (RARCOA) JULY 23, 1981

11 1787 Connecticut. Brown UNCIRCULATED. Type with large mailed bust facing right, the so-called Bradford Head or Mutton Head. Poorly struck, as is usual for the type.

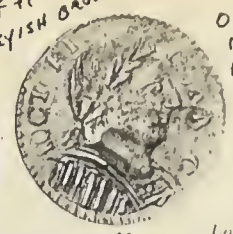
OPEN 125.00 SOLD 625.00

1.2-C

STACK'S "W. RISE SALE" SEPT 30, 1966

589 1787 MUTTONHEAD. Miller 1. 2-C. Very weak strike, common to this variety. Lettering all weak and date hardly shows up at all. Scratch on head. Fine. (25.00) $20 -

DBU XF(40) FEV XF+(45) LGT. GREYISH BROWN



OK TO NICE NOT GLOSSY BUT NICE

COIN GALLERIES SALE 1/20/86 LOT # 1343 (PLATE) AS VF AT $550 -
GARRETT SALE 10/1/80 VF/XF AT $1,100 -
EARLY DIE STATE

$1,430 -

A. TERRANOVA

Lot No. 37

STACK'S SALE' OCT 20-22, 1987

(37) 1787 M.1.2-C. Mailed Bust right. The so-called "Muttonhead" variety. Extremely Fine and a magnificent specimen. Even, natural light brown, needle-sharp and certainly one of the finest extant. SEE COIN RARITIES FPL 8/27/09 AS AU 55 (PCGS)

(47)

STACK'S "A.N.A. SALE, AUG 24, 1976

(47) 1787 Miller 1.2-C. Mailed bust facing right. The famous Muttonhead. **The rare strong die state.** Except for the top part of the hair, the bust and mail are very sharp as are most of the obverse letters. The reverse is in full sharpness, all letters and date strong as is the seated figure, branch, shield, etc. Slightly off center and a very minor planchet clip affecting only the extreme top of L. Some minor porosity but overall a glossy dark brown. Very FINE. PLATE. 105.00

MAYFLOWER "STEARNS COLL" DEC 2, 1966

171 1787 Muttonhead. 1²-C (R³). Pleasing light brown. Fine Plus. Light Planchet clip lower left obverse, light nick on obverse $29 -

COIN GALLERIES SALE' APRIL 10, 1985

1111 **1787 Connecticut.** The Muttonhead variety. M.1.2-C. Weak obverse die state (see Red Book plate coin), with CONNEC only partially cut into die. Very Fine. Sharp date and other reverse details.

A. MERKIN SALE' MARCH 15, 1967

41 1787. Large mailed bust r. The famous "Muttonhead." Miller 1²-C. Struck from bulged, injured and lapped dies, parts of legends and date weak, but surfaces demand a grade of Fine or better for the coin. Far above average, as on many examples only armor and part of std. fig. are visible.

BOWERS 'W. BARTLETT SALE' NOV 30, 1979

2097 1787 Connecticut copper. *Mutton Head.* Miller 1.2-C. VG-8, light brown with smooth surfaces. Very weak near the rims, as the piece was deliberately made to look worn. Taxay calls this a possible contemporary counterfeit which undoubtedly circulated side by side with the genuine.
65 -

BOWER'S 'BARTLETT SALE' NOV 30, 1979

2098 1787 Connecticut. Another Mutton head, this one Good-4, same light brown color, with a small but deep planchet defect on reverse at head.
20 -

1787 M 1.2-C

Intermediate Obverse State

EX. STACK'S A.N.A SALE AUG 24, 1976

BOWERS' BYRON JOHNSON' SALE JAN 26, 1989

(26) 1787 Connecticut. M.1.2-C. [illegible] Taylor 2394. Pleasing deep brown. [illegible] surface porosity, particularly on the [illegible] A nice example of the "Mutton Head" [illegible] reverse types. 412.50

[illegible]

SILVERY DISCOLORATION SPOT

357.50

BOWER'S 'ARNOLD & ROMISA' SEPT 17-19, 1984

625 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.2-C. So-called *Muttonhead* variety, earlier called the *Bradford Head.* Extremely Fine from the standpoint of wear. With weakness in peripheral legends, as made. The reverse has a tiny bright spot of silver color, thought perhaps to be a repair but possibly unmixed metal in the crude alloy used to make the piece. An exceptional specimen of this variety. One of the finest known examples

BOWER'S 'ARNOLD & ROMISA' SEPT 17-19, 1984

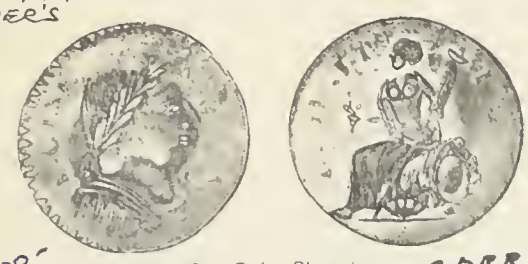
LOT # 630 1787 Miller 1.2-C. *Muttonhead* variety. Good. Periphery weak as struck. Small planchet clip.

1 OF 3 PIECES

1.2-C

Superb "Muttonhead" 1787 Connecticut Copper

"GARRETT COLL" SALE, MARCH 25-26-1981
BOWER'S



$2,000-

(See Color Photo) GARRETT

2226 **1787 "Muttonhead" Connecticut copper.** Miller-1.2-C. **Uncirculated** or very close to it. Interestingly, this piece was described as "Bungtown illegible description," in the Garrett Collection, where it lay unnoticed for the better part of a century!

The origin of the so-called *Muttonhead* variety is unknown. The die workmanship, fabric, and general appearance are much different from regular (made by the authorized coiners) issues of the time. The coin could be a Machins Mills product, but this is not certain, for certainly there were other counterfeiters at work.

In order to aid in the deception and to help the piece to pass easily in circulation, the *Muttonhead* was struck from dies which were deliberately made indistinct so that the pieces would appear worn *when first struck*. So, although the present specimen has no sign of wear at all, it is illegible, as made, in many areas. The Connecticut specialist, of course, will find all of this commentary familiar, but to the person not involved in the series, the situation may be perplexing.

The coin has an even glossy brown surface and is very attractive. We have never seen a finer example of this issue. A prize item for the Connecticut specialist.

SOLD $2,000-

BOWER'S 'ANA SALE '89, AUG 9-12, 1989

1787 M 1.2-~~mm~~ C "Bradford Head"

High Condition Census

OLIVE TONING
BIT DARK

1100-

D. MENCHELL
TO ~~B. ANTONI~~

1026 **1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 1.2-~~mm~~ C. Bradford or Mutton Head variety. AU-55 to MS-60, high Condition Census, certainly among the top five.** Intermediate die state of the obverse, but late therein. The dies clearly lapped, showing the characteristics seen on Taylor:2394, as an archetype, but the die sinking in the center, clearly bulged behind and before the effigy's face. Further, the die swelling at the back of the effigy's neck also appears to be somewhat more advanced than seen on the Taylor coin. 146.3 grains. Attractive, glossy golden olive. The reverse die was also in a later state than seen on Taylor:2394, with INDE ET failing and clear die sinking visible behind Liberty. A very pleasing, high Condition Census example of the popular Mutton Head/Topless Liberty variety, worthy of inclusion in an advanced cabinet of the series.

STANDARD CATALOUGE (1947)
1.2-C

BOWER'S 'ANA SALE' AUG 10, 1989

550-

1027 **1787 Connecticut copper. M 1.2-~~mm~~ C.** 128.6 grains. **VF-35.** A second example of the popular Bradford or Mutton Head variety. Deep golden brown. States roughly equivalent to Taylor:2394, or possibly slightly later. Nearly equivalent to those seen on the piece in the preceding lot. Fully centered and as well struck as any seen from these states. Another opportunity to purchase a high-grade specimen of this popular Connecticut variety.

BOWER'S 'ANA SALE AUG 10, 1989

209-

M. RINGO

1028 **1787 Connecticut copper. M 1.2-~~mm~~ C.** Bradford or Mutton Head variety. 134.2 grs. F-12. A third specimen. This piece is attractive, gray golden brown. Microscopic porosity may be seen on both sides. Late intermediate to late states of the dies, considerably later than appearing on the pieces in the two preceding lots. The obverse is more heavily sunk in the center, now with considerable loss of definition on the back of the effigy's neck; while the reverse die failure behind Liberty's figure has extended to obscure parts of her left arm and has resulted in the failure of LIB to strike up.

1.2-C

BOWER'S RCR #14 APRIL, 1972

1787 Muttonhead variety. Sometimes called the "Bradford head." Miller notes: "Largest head of the year . . . On most specimens CONNEC weakly struck, the E not showing." Made by unknown coiners, the Muttonhead is of distinctive appearance and appears unrelated to other Connecticut dies. One of the most curious of all Connecticut varieties. Good $22.00; AU, the finest Muttonhead we have ever offered for sale 349.00

RED BOOK PLATE

RED BOOK PLATE COIN (1989)

BOWER'S "RARE COIN REVIEW NO# 34 WINTER, 1980

1787 Mutton Head variety Miller 1.2-C AU-50 beautiful dark olive and chocolate Small planchet clip as made not affecting any of the devices Weak around the obverse legends as always several of the letters of AUCTORI CONNEC were incompletely punched into the die perhaps deliberately to make these appear to be worn and thus facilitate their acceptance in circulation 595.00

BOWER'S "RARE COIN REVIEW NO# 36 SPRING, 1981

1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 1.2-C, the famous Mutton head. A splendid EF for this always weak variety, legends on both sides nearly completely effaced from the dies, but bold in the centers (see photo) Dark steel patina, attribution neatly inked in obverse field (this was a common practice among Connecticut specialists at the turn of this century; present-day collectors prize such pieces for the pedigree and even try to guess which old-time collector inked the attribution number on the coin). A naked eye type coin always in fantastic demand Superior overall to the Garrett specimen (Lot 1350) which sold for $1100 This is a good buy at 995.00

Note: Walter Breen, writing in the 1975 EAC catalogue, surmised that after an oversupply of Connecticut coppers drove their exchange value down far below their normal 14 per shilling, the makers of the Muttonhead variety deliberately ground the legends off the dies so that the pieces might pass as anonymous worn halfpence [Ed note: This hypothesis only makes sense if the value of Connecticuts was below that of miscellaneous halfpence]. C. Wyllys Betts actually presented one of these Muttonheads to ANS about 1886 with the note that it represented an imitation halfpenny. Diework on the Muttonheads differs considerably from other Connecticuts; there seems little doubt that the piece was originally made as a contemporary counterfeit.

BOWER'S "RARE COIN REVIEW" 39 JULY, 1981

1787 Connecticut copper M-1.2-C (R 3) The famous Mutton Head cent A strong Fine with some attributes of Very Fine but planchet defect at the head on the reverse This is the very late die state similar to Lot 2226 in Garrett IV sale A good buy at 395.00

SAN DIEGO SHOW (ANA SALE) MAR 3, 1990

Condition Census Miller 1.2-C MUTTON HEAD Cent

D. LINNETT

1,056

SEE STACKS SALE APRIL 27, 1988 LOT # 29

2396 1787 Cent, Miller 1.2-C, Breen-765, "Mutton Head or Bradford Head", Mailed Bust Right, ANACS Certifies-About Uncirculated. An exceptionally pleasing specimen, with wonderful lustrous, hard smooth surfaces and light brown perfect coloration. Only item mentioned on the certificate is a tiny planchet clip, as made, at 12 o'clock outside of the outer denticles on the edge. A great looking coin with no other imperfections and an extraordinarily clean appearance. Only the faintest of cabinet friction on the highpoints keeps this coin from full Mint State status One of the finest specimens we have been able to trace, and certainly one of the finest known. . . . . (1250-2000)

1,056

SAN DIEGO SHOW (ANA SALE) MAR 3, 1990

D. LINNETT

SEE BOWER'S BYRON JOHNSON SALE JAN 26, 1989 LOT # 26

SEE STACK'S ANA SALE AUG, 24, 1976 LOT # 47

2397 1787 Cent, Miller 1.2-C, Breen-765, "Mutton Head or Bradford Head", ANACS Certified-Extremely Fine. A second, very choice example of this popular major type The date is sharp and strong. Overall, dark chocolate brown in color with lighter medium brown highpoints on the central devices. A pleasing specimen of this major type. . . . . (600-750)

660

1.2-C

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

42 70- 1787 Muttonhead M #1.2-C (R-3) "Topless" reverse. FINE-12, slightly porous.

KAGIN'S LIST, SEPT 16, 1981

1787 CONNECTICUT 1.2-C. Rarity-4. Tiny hole, weak struck at right. "MUTTONHEAD" Usual defective planchet VG. 150.00

STACK'S STEINBERG SALE, OCT 17, 1989

86 **1787 Miller 1.2-C.** "Muttonhead." Late obverse state, traces of letters, the bust clear. Planchet defects
187 at central reverse. Fragments of the date. Tan and brown, fairly glossy surfaces. **Very Fine** or better. FAIR DEFECT CENTRAL REV.

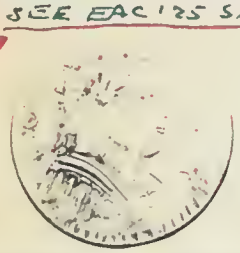
BREEN'S ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1987)

764 1787 Second Muttonhead, early issue; INDE.ET LIB. Rare.
M. 1.2-C. before regrinding. 133.7–150 grs. = 8.67–9.72 gms.

BREEN'S ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1987)

765 1787 Second Muttonhead, late issue.
Same dies, after drastic regrinding. Note topless Ms. Liberty. Lettering and date almost never legible. Believed an intentional alteration to simulate old worn coppers long accepted in circulation, and to conceal its origin: Betts {1886}; cf. Garrett:2226. 123–151 grs. = 7.97–9.78 gms. Also alias "Bradford Head." Dickeson's "Bull Head."

SEE EAC 125 SALE LOT #69



A-MARK LIST #1 DEC, 1972

1787 Muttonhead variety, one of the most interesting pieces of this entire series. We offer a choice Extremely Fine at (PHOTO)
$249.00

STACK'S SALE JUNE 27, 1975

33 ~~1787 Connecticut. A group of three very popular type coins:~~ Miller 1.2-C **(Mutton**
85 **Head)**, ~~Miller 4-L **(Horned Bust)**, and Miller 6.1-M **(Laughing Head)**. This group must be seen to be appreciated.~~ Good. 3 pieces.

COIN GALLERIES SALE, AUG 20, 1986

1790 1787 M.1.2-C (R-4). "Muttonhead" variety. Good, weak centers, date worn off;
93.50 ~~M.32.5-aa (R-4). Draped Bust left. Good, strong date; M.33.7-4.2 (R-1). Same type. Very Good, two-tone brown; heavy planchet, 146 grains; M.37.18-HH (R-3). Same type, with fleurons in legend. Good, light brown.~~ 4 pieces. 93.50

BOWER'S "UNIV. OF ROCHCHESTER" JUNE 10-11, 1990

3011 Trio of state coppers: (1) 1787 Connecticut mutton head, Miller
40- 1.2-C. Fair-2; ~~(2) 1788 Massachusetts cent. Good-4; (3) 1786 New Jersey cent. Good-4~~. (Total: 3 pieces)

1787: DANA LINETT (EAN) LIST JUNE, 1992
1.2-C, "Mutton Head", Fine, small defect at head on reverse, pleasing..... 225.

D. LINETT LIST, FEB, 1990

47 **1787 CT Cent, Miller 1.2-C, Mutton head, ANACS Certified-Very Fine.** Certificate states "reverse damaged", however there is a minor planchet flake in the central belly area of seated liberty. A very clean smooth and pleasing medium brown specimen otherwise. A nice major type coin. $575

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

95 **1787** Miller 1.2-C. 123.3 grains. Muttonhead. **Fine** or
302.50 better obverse, the reverse fully **Very Fine.** Nice medium brown, the epaulets very sharp. TOO DARK

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

1787 M 1.2-C

Intermediate Obverse State

E SCRATCHED

100-
150-

1165 **1787 Connecticut copper. M 1.2-C. Mailed Bust Right.** "Mutton-
#165- head" or "Bradford" variety. 124.1 grains. Rarity-3. F-15/VF-20. Pale golden brown. Obverse and reverse scratched around some letters in the legends. Minor flan flaw in the centers of both sides. Intermediate obverse state, the die having been partially reground, resulting in the right half of first O, left half of second O, second upright of each N, and final E in the obverse legend lapped from the die. An example of the popularly named "Topless Liberty" reverse.

Ex Henry Chapman stock. Envelope accompanies this lot, Ryder annotations thereon.

1.2-C

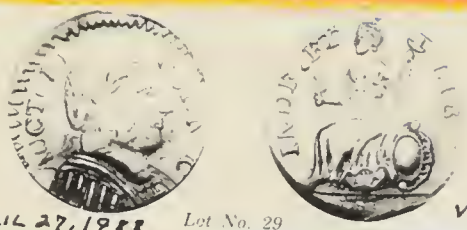
STACK'S "MASS HIST. SOC. OCT 23, 1970

1787 Miller 1.2-C. [illegible] MUTTONHEAD [illegible] sometimes called the BRADFORD HEAD. [illegible] studying this coin and the next, we feel that because of the weakness of the letters, date, and some parts of the design, this die was first cut very shallow and then later repaired to make a much stronger impression. Though it is evident that this coin has seen very little wear, many of the letters and dates are very weak and some not struck up at all. However, the design is complete in all of its delicate details. Only a very minimum amount of wear seen on the very high spots of the coin. A superb specimen on a light brown planchet with excellent surfaces. PLATE $175 —

STACK'S MASS. HIST. SOC. OCT 23, 1970
— WHT. 117.3 GRAINS

1787 Miller 1.2-C. [illegible] the sharpness of the letters and date. [illegible] the letters are very strong, the details of the head are stronger and it appears that a few details have been added. The face is bulged evidently due to wear or buckling of the dies. The Miller plate coin is of this strengthened die and shows the same bulging. The reverse is marred by two serious marks on ET. Curiously enough the Miller plate coin has the same sort of nick on the obverse. Though worn we feel that this coin is of utmost importance in the study of the dies of this series and perhaps should carry a new attribution number. A darkish medium brown. PLATE $40 —

VF ONLY
HIGH POINTS
BRIGHT ORANGE



RED BOOK PLATE (1971)

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988 Lot No. 29 A. TERRANOVA COLL. VF

29 1787 Mutton Head. Miller 1.2-C. The intermediate state of the obverse die, bulged, with weakness in the obverse legend. A splendid planchet, light brown except for the legs and shield which are bright. Extremely Fine. $412.50 SEE SAN DIEGO (ANA SHOW) MAR 3, 1990 LOT # 2396

STRONG VF
BIT DARK,
OK —

ROPER

100-
300-
DANA LINNETT

Lot No. 237.

STACK'S ROPER COLL" DEC 7, 1983

237 1787 Mailed Bust Right. Miller 1.2-C. 138.9 grains. The so-called "Muttonhead" or "Bradford Head" variety. The obverse die state is the one with the letters of CONNEC only partially cut, but the date and reverse legends are fully struck up. Characteristic die bulge in the obverse center, but the reverse is very well detailed. The reverse also displays some light scratches and minor rim marks, but the overall appearance is choice. Very Fine. $330 — DANA LINNETT

BOWERS "TUROFF SALE" OCT 1, 1976

123.6 GR.

559 1787 *Muttonhead* variety. 1.2-C (R-3). Distinctive style with reverse figure in the style of an African princess. Probably a contemporary imitation, although not from Machin's Mill. Very Fine with some justification to a slightly higher grade. Lightly struck at upper obverse. Reverse very bold. Very popular variety, no doubt due to the curious *Muttonhead* (whatever that means!) name. $95 —
R. MARTIN - D. MITUZAS 3/3/87

EX STACK'S MHS SALE 10/23/70 # 125
BOWER'S "RIVER OAKS / KRUGJOHANN NOV 11-13, 1976

1036 1787 Connecticut. "Muttonhead" variety. Miller 1.2-C. Exceedingly rare die state with *letters strengthened and very bold.* At least 20 to 40 times rarer than the usual 1.2-C which has the legends (the obverse in particular) weakly and indistinctly defined. Average Very Good. Two dents at top of reverse. A major opportunity for the Connecticut specialist!
$55 —

1.2-C

Lot No. 49

STACK'S SALE JAN 31, 1969

49 **1787 Miller 1.2-C.** Rarity 5. The Muttonhead variety, being also the largest head of the year. Usually seen in a very worn die state with practically no letters or date. This is a very strong early strike showing about 90% of the obverse lettering, full hair, and very sharp mail. The reverse is most exceptional, showing every letter as well as the date very sharp. A minor roughness on the planchet at the seated figure's waist. Extremely Fine. A lovely chocolate color and one of the sharpest we've seen in many years. Almost identical to the specimen illustrated in the Red Book and slightly better in some respects. $200 —

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

MINT STATE 1787 "MUTTONHEAD"

LATE "REGROUND" STATE

NICE AU+/UNC

750 —
1500 —

Lot No. 1060

OECHSNER

1060 **1787 Miller 1.2-C.** Mailed bust right. The "Muttonhead" variety. 139.5 grains. **Mint State.** Golden brown toning, full satiny lustre. Late die state, most of the legends gone due to die refinishing. A bit soft at the very centers, but full head on Liberty. An unusually attractive example. *(SEE COLOR PLATE)* TO R. MARTIN

$1,650 —

STACK'S "ROBISON SALE FEB 10, 1982

122 1787 Mailed Bust Right. M.1.2-C. The "Muttonhead" variety. Weakly struck at the periphery as usual. Date and some legends missing, central features are sharp. A smooth light brown planchet, with a tiny clip at 9 o'clock. **Very Fine.**

$200 —

L. MERKIN SALE OCT 19, 1966

49 1787. M. 1²-C. The famous "Muttonhead." Fine for the coin, weakly struck as almost always (badly worn dies) on a thin brassy planchet. Scarce type coin. From one of Henry Chapman's sales. $16 —

TINY DING

OK VF, GOOD COLOR

Lot No. 1313

COIN GALLERIES SALE AUG 20, 1986

1313 1787 M.1.2-C (R-6). "Muttonhead," early die state. Very Fine and sharp, deep brown obverse, lighter brown and olive reverse. Some die lapping, but armor complete (as is the reverse legend). The strike is immensely fuller and sharper than that on EAC 67; nearly ¾ of the obverse denticles are visible, and the whole face is clear. Quite possibly the finest known example of this early die state.

$550 —

1.2-C

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLL), 1989

1.2-C	1787 VG	R6/R4	Late die state. Yellowish color
1.2-C	1787 VG	R6/R4	Early die state.
1.2-C	1787 G	R6/R4	Early die state.
1.2-C	1787 F-	R6/R4	Early die state.
1.2-C	1787 F+/VF-	R6/R4	Thin planchet, late obverse
1.2-C	1787 VG/VG	R6/R4	Planchet clip 12:00, worn

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1.2-C 9423 (50) ABT. UNC.

BOWER'S "ALFARLAND SALE" JAN 14, 1981

37 ~~Lot of three Connecticut coppers, all interesting type coins.~~ Miller 60 1.2-C (Mutton head), ~~4-L (the Horned Bust), and 6.1-M (Laughing Head).~~ Good-4 or better. ~~Highly interesting lot.~~ (Total: 3 pieces) 60.00

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

4) 1787 M.1.2-C Very Fine. Nice tan color. Late, reground die state. (No Provenance)
5) 1787 M.1.2-C Very Fine. Reddish brown color. One tiny flaw on obverse bust. Early die state. (No Provenance) *
6) 1787 M.1.2-C Good to Very Good. Legends and date barely visible. Small bruise at 8 o'clock. Chocolate brown. Late die state. (Counterfeit George III C.W. Betts, Feb. 6, 1886)
7) 1787 M.1.2-C Extremely Fine detail. Dark reddish brown. Old scrape across reverse figures head. Late, reground die state. (No Provenance) *
8) 1787 M.1.2-C Very Good. Early die state with full date and legends. Dark brown with devices and legends highlighted in tan. Two indentations on reverse. White ink attribution. (No Provenance)

1787 M. 1.2-C (Muttonheads, before and after regrinding)

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL' NOV 14, 1990

Bradford Head Variety

Intermediate Obverse State

250
250

5379 1787 Connecticut copper. **M1.2-C. Bradford Head.** 115.5 grains. Rarity-3. **VG-8/F-12.** Intermediate obverse state, equivalent to Taylor, 2394. Tiny clip, visible on the obverse at 4:00. Some reverse scratches. Deep golden brown on both sides.
275 ~~300~~

Ex David Proskey's sale of February 22, 1904 to Ryder. Envelope and ticket accompany this lot.

147 — 1787 Miller 1.2-C, THE MUTTONHEAD VARIETY. EF. The dies for this variety were very shallow, and the coin is normally seen with most letters and date not struck up at all. THIS UNUSUALLY STRONG STRIKE AND EVIDENTLY EARLY STATE IS LACKING ONLY THE E ON THE OBVERSE. THE REVERSE IS COMPLETE, INCLUDING A FULL STRONG DATE. A most unusual and rare coin. Light olive.
325 — L. MERKIN SALE OCT 31, 1973

NEW NETHERLAND'S 51st SALE JUNE 18, 1958

84 1787. The famous **"Muttonhead." M. 1²-C.** VG, close to Fine for the variety; all legends readable, though LIB weak. Block, defective planchet, which has acquired a little corrosion, especially on reverse. Small mint chip. Rather rare in any condition, but the early die state with fully legible inscriptions is of the most extreme rarity, perhaps 4 or 5 being known. Ex Breen coll. **($12.50)**
7- Miller also refers to this type as the "Bradford Head," though we doubt that any portrait of the Colonial governor was intended. C. Wyllys Betts presented a specimen (without legible inscriptions) to the A.N.S. in 1886 as a counterfeit George III halfpenny "issued from the Connecticut Mint." The workmanship is not that of Atlee, nor yet of Abel Buel, and we are inclined to think it a contemporary imitation, like the Serpent Head New Jersey and 1785 NOVA CONSTELLATIO with twelve stars, and some others. At any rate, the Muttonhead, whatever its origin, certainly circulated side by side with authentic Westville Mint products.

1.2-C

NEW NETHERLAND'S 60TH SALE DEC 3-4, 1968

333 1787. **Muttonhead.** M. 1²-C (Rarity 3). Almost Fine. While the obverse is unevenly struck-up, it is better than average as all of the lettering can be read except E of CONNEC. The flan seems very slightly uneven, and there are minor signs of both porosity and handling upon the obverse, but this piece shows an uniformly impressed and worn reverse: Another important type; *Guide Book*, $50. Fine. 20-

Believed to be a contemporaneous imitation. The authorized New Haven Mint, by then largely owned by James Jarvis, had already adopted a practice of using head punches. It is not Atlee's work, nor is it punch-linked with anything else known to us. C. Wyllys Betts in 1886 gave the A.N.S. one of these, without legible legends, as a George III imitation halfpenny "issued from the Connecticut Mint."

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #3, 1990

35. **1787. Miller 1.2-C, Breen 765. Rarity-3. The second "Muttonhead" variety. 124.7 grains, 28.5mm. Good/Very Good, the central details grading closer to Fine. Extremely late die state, with only faint traces of the peripheral legend still left on the dies. In addition, there is a large, unpublished crescent-shaped bulge through Ms. Liberty's pole arm on the reverse. This was probably one of the last pieces of the variety struck.....$59**

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

72 **1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 1.2-C. Mailed Bust Right, the famous "Muttonhead" variety. Rarity 3. 124.7 grains. Good to Very Good, the central details grading Fine or better. An extremely late state of the dies, with nothing but faint traces of the peripheral legends still present. This piece shows an unpublished, crescent-shaped die bulge through the pole arm on the reverse, and may well be one of the last specimens struck.....$75**

The "Muttonhead" or "Bradford" head varieties have always been something of a black sheep within the series. With its extremely large, somewhat porcine head, its topless Liberty, and its absence of punch-linkage to anything else in the colonial series, there have been many theories advanced regarding its manufacture. In fact, famed nineteenth-century collector C. Wyllys Betts donated a late die state specimen to the American Numismatic Society in 1886, with the explicit notation that it was a counterfeit British halfpence! For further information on this interesting variety, please read Gary Trudgen's excellent article "The Mysterious Muttonhead," which appeared in the Winter, 1986 issue of Bowers and Merena Galleries, *Rare Coin Review*, pp. 74-75.

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

200-
200-
BOOK

Lot No. 1370

TOO DARK

1370 **1787** Miller 1.2-C. 121 grains. "Muttonhead" or "Bradford" obverse, exceptionally large-head mailed bust right, unique topless Liberty on reverse. Uneven surfaces, wonderfully detailed Liberty, top obverse somewhat weakly struck. Dark glossy brown. Strong Very Fine. 220.00

MILLER 1-C PLATE

MARIS PLATE (1875)

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 24-29, 1920

1862 1787. Celebrated Mutton head. Large ugly head r. Rx. Liberty to l. INDE. ET LIB VFine. 1. 1-C. Plate. 3.50

1863 The same. Good. Rare. .30

2101 1787. C. 1 (2)—C. The Mutton head. Fine for piece, but parts weakly struck. V. Rare. .60

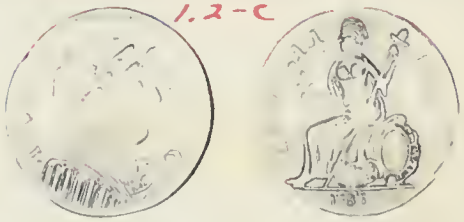
2102 Another, good, a second, fair. 2 pcs. .40

2103 1787. Over a Mass. Cent; another freak. Rx. incused G. 2 pcs. .17 REV.

TAXAY C 172 PLATE (1776)

C172. 1787 Copper 17. 35. 70. 110. 360.
Large mailed bust r., the "muttonhead" INDE ET LIB

VLACK PLATE (1965)
1.2-C



NEW NETHERLAND'S 42nd SALE JAN 26, 1982

381 1787. Muttonhead. M 1²-C. From badly injured dies on a defective planchet. ~~In addition, three different 1787 Cents, Draped bust l. Miller 29¹-p (R-4), 32²-X¹, and 33⁴-Z²¹ (R-5). Lastly, 1788. Mailed bust l. M 12²-C. A real curiosity. Double or Triple-struck, apparently over a NOVA CONSTELLATIO, one clear impression two thirds off the flan.~~ First Very Fine. ~~Others Very Good average, the second 1787 Draped bust with reverse edge bruises, and the 1788 freak holed through the obvious overstrike. Excellent for the student.~~ 5 Pcs. 5.25

1.2-C

COIN WORLD ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1990)

SEE GARRETT #1350!

1787 copper
(Photo courtesy Bowers & Merena)

C.219. **1787 Copper:** Similar obv., later var. with bare-breasted Liberty, reground die state of M 1.2-C, Taylor VF-20/30, $275.

COIN WORLD ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1990)

SEE NORWEB #2488

1787 copper
(Photo courtesy Bowers & Merena)

C.218. **1787 Copper:** Muttonhead, large mailed bust right, INDE ET LIB, uncertain Mint, possibly in New York, M 1.2-C, Garrett VF, $1,100.

STACK'S SALE SEPT. 9, 1993

*966 **1787 M.1.2-C. MBR.** "Muttonhead" variety. Rarity 3. Sharp Very Fine. 126.3 gns. Dark brown, nearly black. Both surfaces rough, granular, some reverse pitting. Types clear. Usual, intermediate obverse state.

120
150
165

966

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST NOV, 1983

23 1787 Mailed Bust Right, M.1.2-C. The "Muttonhead" or "Bradford Head" variety, in the early die state, with all legends but LIB sharp and clear. Walter Breen, in the 1975 EAC catalogue, rated this die state R6, and we have seen only a few. Fine. Minor die weakness toward the centers. Dark Brown with no detracting marks 200.00

24 1787 Mailed Bust Right, M.1.2-C. A duplicate Muttonhead in the later die state, with some Obverse details and letters weakened. See Guidebook plate coin. Very Fine, with an especially sharp Reverse. Full date and Reverse legends with some thin pin scratches that blend with color. All details of the Reverse figure struck up. An excellent companion to the previous lot 300.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, SEPT, 1984

119. 1787 Muttonhead. M. 1.2-C. Early die state, with weak obverse legend. Very Fine. Smooth light brown with some trivial scratches through the reverse figure. 250.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, SEPT, 1984

118. 1787 Muttonhead. M. 1.2-C. Late die state, with full obverse legend cut into die. (Unlike the example shown in the Red Book.) Full AUCTORI CONNEC, LIB missing on reverse due to strike. Fine. Dark brown surfaces. About ten times rarer than the early state. 175.00

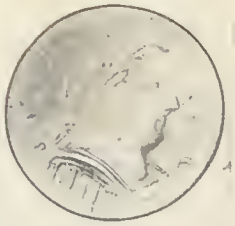
DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1979

1787 Mailed Bust Right, M.1.2-C, (R-4). The "Muttonhead" or "Bradford Head" type. One of the most curious and popular types of the Connecticut series, with a portrait entirely unlike any other known variety. The reverse features a topless figure of Ms. Liberty. Diesinker unknown, this has for many years been considered a contemporary counterfeit. This is the die state with many letters of CONNEC weak or missing, often termed the "early die state," but an interesting dissenting opinion is presented by editor James G. Spilman in the Colonial Newsletter, pages 392ff. About Very Fine, with an especially bold reverse. Uniform dark brown color with smooth surfaces and no defects.....150.00 ✓

1.2-C

D. LINETT SALE #2 AUG, 1985

225. As above. Miller 1.2-C. (R-4). INDE ET LIB. The "Muttonhead" variety. Extremely fine. Die State "B" with the reverse reground and, as a result, weak. Deep brown and sharp where struck up. One of the top ten or so known and always in demand as a type coin and much nicer than the Garrett specimen listed next. The finest we've handled. $1500



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D. LINETT MAIL BID SALE #2 AUG, 1985

226. As above. Miller 1.2-C. (R-4). A second "Muttonhead." Early Die State with a full(!) legend on the reverse. Extremely Fine. Light brown and absolutely flawless. From an aesthetic viewpoint, simply lovely. $1200

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STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST NOV, 1980

JAN 7, 1995

✓ SEE M&G AUCTIONS 123 L. T. SMITH SALE LOT #87

STACK'S FALL, 1991 LOT #34 AT $500.00 (PLATE)

123 **1787 Miller 1.2-C.** The "Muttonhead" variety. Unusually well prepared planchet shows rather smooth surfaces, the head bold, but the legends fragmentary, with only the tops of the date showing. Deep brown, almost black, Liberty appearing topless and sharper than other design elements. Strong **Very Fine. Extremely Fine.** $1,000.00

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

160 Trio of 1787 Connecticut coppers: ☆ M 1.2-C. Mailed Bust Right. AG-3 to G-4, moderate porosity. Rarity-3. 122.8 grains. Muttonhead or Bradford Head variety ☆ ~~M 0.1-M. Mailed Bust Left. EF-40 for sharpness, lightly porous surfaces with inactive patina on both sides. Rarity-1. 125.9 grains. Die alignment: 190°. The popular Laughing Head variety, with attribution number lightly painted in left obverse field ☆ M 15-T. Mailed Bust Left. VF-20, perhaps slightly finer, with faint obverse and reverse scratches in evidence. Rarity-4. 97.5 grains~~. (Total: 3 pieces)

99 BK

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

159 1787 Connecticut. M 1.2-C. Mailed Bust Right. VF-20, uniform porosity on all surfaces. Rarity-3. Muttonhead or Bradford Head variety. 162.2 grains, relatively heavy when compared to other specimens of this variety. From the intermediate state of the obverse die, after partial regrinding, with weakness in letters of the legend. On the reverse, full hair, globe, and shield details are evident, although there is some striking weakness in the date and legend areas. All things considered, a quite pleasing specimen of this popular variety with a bare breasted Liberty featured on the reverse.

198 BK

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

250-
250-

5664 1787 M 1.2-C. "Bradford Head" variety. Rarity-3. F-15. 115.7 grains. Planchet cutter clip visible from obverse at 7:00. Porous on both sides, particularly the obverse. Flan slightly bent in striking. Intermediate obverse state, equivalent to Taylor:2394. An example of this variety for the budget conscious collector R. MARTIN 4/76 - D. MIRUZAS 3/87

275

MIKE RINGO LIST, NOV, 1985

6. 1787 Muttonhead, M.1.2-C. Nice Extremely Fine, smooth tan surfaces with virtually no marks. A small silvery spot on reverse barely detracts. Ex-Bowers and Merena Arnold-Romisa sale, lot 625 (plated)..... 375.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #7 MAY, 1982

6. 1787 Connecticut, Miller 1.2-C Muttonhead Variety, Late Die State, R-4, Fine-Very Fine, dark and slighly granular surfaces. Still a nice example of a popular type. $165

DICK AUGUST LIST, MARCH, 1980

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1.2-C

1.2-C

KINGSWOOD DARTMOUTH SALE FEB 20, 1991

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6566 1787 Connecticut copper. M 1.2-C. Bradford Head. 113.3 grains Rarity-3 VG-8/F-12. Intermediate obverse state, equivalent to lot 2394. Tiny clip, visible on the obverse at 4:00. Some reverse scratches. Deep golden brown on both sides.

KINGSWOOD 'DARTMOUTH SALE' FEB 20, 1991
LOT #6561 SOLD 148.50 ☆ 1787 M 1.2-C. Rarity-3 "Bradford Head" variety. 99.0 grains. AG-3/G-4. obverse die in its intermediate state 1 OF 5 PIECES

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "MAIL BID SALE" JAN 18, 1997
733. 1787 CONNECTICUT MBR M.1.2.C R3 AG3. 145.0 gns. A Muttonhead. Dark olive with pitting on both sides and a heavy X scratched at the center of the reverse. Full date

27 1787 M1.2-C 3 VF30/20 VF20 CONNECTICUT. MAILED BUST RIGHT. MUTTON HEAD. Two-tone brown with reasonably smooth surfaces. Some minor hairlines. Large planchet clip at upper right. Intermediate die state after heavy lapping. AVERAGE.

$450.- EAC CONVENTION SALE MAY 4, 1996

M.R.R.C.A. EAC'91 MIDNIGHT SALE APRIL 28, 1991
Lot 5: 1787 Connecticut, Miller 1.2-C. Second Muttonhead, intermediate die state. Topless Liberty reverse. Some details Fine, others weaker; strong INDE ET and date [atypical]. Unusual clean, smooth surfaces. **50/120, Retz**

We regret to inform collectors that Retz was arrested for possessing a pornographic coin after this sale [Ms. Liberty went topless for this variety], and the vice squad has stated that they would confiscate all such material that came up at auction. To avoid a possible police record [or even a prison term], please send all of your Muttonheads [and 1916 Standing Liberty quarters] to Mike Ringo Rare Coin Auctions for proper disposal. Remember our motto here at MRRCA, "We give 'til it hurts!"

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL#5 SUMMER, 1991
23. 1787 Miller 1.2-C, the "Muttonhead" variety. Very Good. Late die state; as usual, only a hint of the legends can be made out. Even medium brown, free of any defect.....$39

MIKE RINGO LIST AUG, 1990
11.1787 Muttonhead, M.1.2-C, 121.1 grains. Good, well-worn tan planchet with some greenish toning around the reverse rim, but free from damage. Late die states with virtually no legends visible. 45.00

MIKE RINGO LIST APRIL, 1988
6. 1787 Muttonhead, M.1.2-C. Very Good, smooth dark brown surfaces with tan highlights. Late die states. with most of the legends missing..... 65.00

1.2-C

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STACK'S
EX. M.H.S SALE 10-23-70 LOT # 128

Figure 9: 1787 Muttonhead or Bradford Head, a contemporary counterfeit from an unknown mint. The UPPER figure has the strong legend, while in the LOWER the inscription has been reworked and is weaker. Both illustrations are Miller 1.2-C, 117.3 and 145.4 grains, respectively.

WHT. 117.3 GR.

WHT. 145.4 GR.

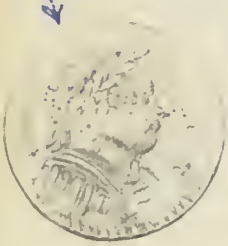
EAN MAIL BID SALE MARCH 18, 1995

STACK'S SALE DEC 1-2, 1993

*821 1787 M.1.2-C. MBR. The Mutton Head variety. Rarity 3. Another. Very Fine, softly struck. 148.9 gns. From FCI's sale of September 12, 1975, lot 512, where it was described further as "This piece does not show much wear but local weaknesses of strike make it difficult to grade. **Light olive and tan surfaces with shallow abrasions suggestive of Very Fine,** some porosity in hair. Similar to Taxay plate and far above average for the type. Slightly sharper than the 1970 Appleton-MHS coin, lot 127. Late reground state, (R-4)." DON MITUZAS

250
575
625

79 **1787 CT Copper, Miller 1.2-C, the so-called "Bradford" or "Muttonhead" variety, about Extremely Fine.** Bold, full date. Nicely detailed for this characteristically weak issue. A thin, vertical planchet fissure is noted in the center of the obverse and some old, shallow scrapes are noted on the upper right obverse and the upper left reverse. This coin is particularly important because of its provenance; it is accompanied by an original paper sales envelope from Henry Chapman, famed numismatist of Philadelphia, where a notation lists the coin and its variety. A great, tangential item for the specialist. ..... **(600-900)**



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CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
1787 M.1.2-C #9423? HALL-SHUMWAY, 1919.
(AU50) EXTREMELY FINE?

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.1.2-C
VERY FINE, DARK
EARLY DIE STATES
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION
ink on edge; 165.5 gr

1.2-C

BOWER'S "KENSINGTON SALE" DEC 12-13, 1975

233 **1787 Connecticut "Muttonhead" copper.** Miller 1.2-C. Also called the *Bradford Head* variety. R-3 on the Miller scale. The design of the *Muttonhead* variety is different from other contemporary Connecticut coppers. The obverse head is distinctive and is unlike the other issues in the series which are mainly copies of the portrait of King George II and III of England. The reverse, far from being the usual copy of Britannia (inspired by the contemporary British halfpenny), displays the seated figure of what has been described as an Indian princess.

$1,100

Connecticut coppers were produced in several locations by several coiners, including at least two mints in the state of Connecticut and also Machin's Mill in New York. The *Muttonhead* differs in workmanship from the products of these other coining enterprises and was probabl made by another source, presently unknown.

Nearly all specimens of the *Muttonhead* variety are very weakly struck. The specimen here offered is an extraordinary AU or slightly finer specimen and is unapproached in condition by the John Work Garrett (Johns Hopkins University), Ted Craige, W.S. Appleton (Massachusetts Historical Society), and other specimens which we have examined. A once in a lifetime offering for the Connecticut specialist.

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

1787 Miller 1.2-C

SEE STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994 LOT # 131 AT $87.50

High Condition Census

TECH. XF BUT SMALL RIM BRUISES

*2630 **1787 M 1.2-C.** MBR. "Bradford" or "Muttonhead" variety. R-3. 128.8 gns. **Choice Extremely Fine.** Glossy, reddish olive brown. Surfaces smooth and hard even under magnification. Two small obverse and reverse rim dents. Center of reverse not fully struck up due to central obverse failure. In term of technical grade and given the late states, finer than any other example offered lately save Oechsner:1060. **High Condition Census.** Far exceeding both Taylor coins, the undergraded Norweh:2498 example, Hessberg:1370, and the Extremely Fine ANS specimen. Late states of both dies, the obverse re-grinding now obscures most of all letters, the center failing; most reverse letters illegible, die sinking from head to left arm to shield. These states rarer than the usually seen intermediate stage of 1.2-C, about as rare as the unlapped states.

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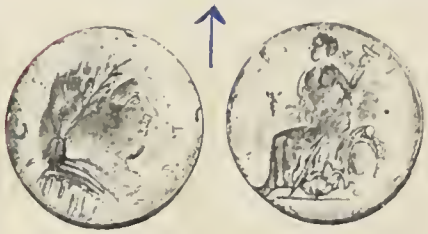

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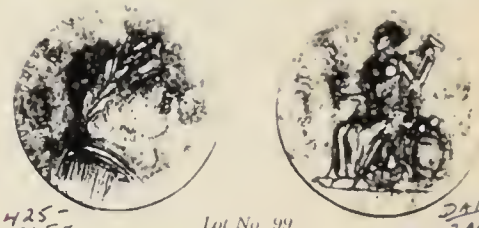
STACK'S 'ANS BENEFIT AUCTION NOV 17, 1993



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Lot No. 99

DARK GRANULAR

99 **1787 M.1.2-C. MBR.** R-3. **Uncirculated.** The "Mutton Head" variety. 144.6 gns. Overall brown, ruddy reverse highlights. Surfaces micro granular, patch of metallic green corrosion in the upper right field. A sharply struck example and, in terms of details visible, one of the sharpest known. Usual intermediate obverse state.

525

Anonymous gift.

COIN GALLERIES SALE APRIL 10, 1981

3676 **1787 M.1.2-C.** The "Muttonhead" variety. Unusually well prepared planchet shows rather smooth surfaces, the head bold, but the legends fragmentary, with only the tops of the date showing. Deep brown, almost black, Liberty appearing topless and sharper than other design elements. Strong **Very Fine.**

632.50

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2117 **1787 M.1.2-C. MBR. "Muttonhead"** variety. Very Fine. Rarity 3. 124.5 grains. Golden brown. Lightly granular surfaces. Typical lack of obverse definition from the intermediate state of the die; reverse sinking in right field, from back of head through arm to shield. Full date. Small scrape on back of head

120-
120-
132.50

1.2-C

BOWER'S 'NEWPORT COLL' JAN 30, 1975

10 1787 Connecticut. Muttonhead variety. Miller 1.2-C. Rarity-3.
310- Beautiful Extremely Fine. Weakly struck in areas, as always for this variety. The coin has received very little actual wear. Surfaces are a pleasing light brown, except for one tiny light area of discoloration near the shield. Late state of the dies. A rare opportunity for the Connecticut die variety specialist or type set collector.

Note: The format and general appearance of the Muttonhead differs from contemporary Connecticut issues and also from the contemporary Machin's Mills imitations. The obverse is Roman in appearance (the origin of the "Muttonhead" appellation is unknown). The reverse is more in the style of a native princess than of the usual Britannia inspired conception.

BOWER'S 'NEWPORT COLL' JAN 30, 1975

11 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.2-C. *Muttonhead* variety as preceding.
80- F-VF from the standpoint of wear. Weak in areas, due to striking. Minor planchet trimming irregularities near top and also at 8 o'clock.

BOWER'S "D.C. MONTGOMERY SALE' FEB 20-22, 1976

1753 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.2-C. "Muttonhead" variety. One of
*280- the most interesting of all Connecticut coppers, the *Muttonhead* (also called the *Bradford Head* variety, particularly among collectors of the late 19th and early 20th centuries; this term is not in use today) appears to be a contemporary imitation of the official Connecticut coinage. The maker is unknown. The obverse features a prominent Roman-style portrait. The reverse is more styled like an African or Indian princess than the Britannia-inspired figure seen on official Connecticut issues. The lettering on obverse and reverse is very lightly impressed into the die, and even on the most finely-preserved specimens is apt to be illegible in areas. The present specimen is Extremely Fine and is one of the finer examples to come on the market in recent decades.

BOWER'S "D.C. MONTGOMERY SALE' FEB 20-22, 1976

1754 1787 Connecticut. *Muttonhead* variety as preceding. Miller
*60- 1.2-C. Lettering (what there is of it; uneven striking and wear have conspired to make certain areas smooth) exceptionally bold. VG-Fine overall, with certain characteristic weaknesses.

BOWER'S 'PRINCETON-INGLE' SEPT 8-9, 1982

731 1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 1.2-C. Very Good obverse/Fine reverse. This is a nice specimen of the "Muttonhead" variety, so-called from the diecutter's obvious lack of skill. The planchet on this piece is slightly wavy, and the legends are weak, as usually found, particularly on the obverse before the effigy's face. Struck on a slightly porous flan which is now a light tobacco brown in color. 38.50

RARE COIN REVIEW #7 SEPT, 1970

1787 Muttonhead variety. 1.2-C. (R-3). Good $15.00; Fine *7 . . 45.00

STACK'S SALE DEC 1-2, 1983

820 **1787 M.1.2-C.** MBR. The Mutton Head variety. Rarity
210/ /3. Very Fine. 108.5 gns. Very scarce early die state, with
240- all letters of the legends fully readable. As expected,
231- struck on a dark and granular flan. One linear flaw through the reverse.

HERITAGE SALE' DEC 16-18, 1983

17 1787 Connecticut VERY FINE (30) Miller 1.2-C. The "Muttonhead" variety. Die State I. (R-6 in this state). The very rare state before the dies were reground; compare to the next lot. Even brown; struck on a full, round planchet. All of the legends save for the E in CONNEC, are visible(!). We have never seen a Muttonhead as sharp.

HERITAGE SALE' DEC 16-18, 1983

18 1787 Connecticut VERY FINE (30) Miller 1.2-C. A second "Muttonhead," this from the reground State II dies. (High R-3/Low R-4). Olive-brown. A most difficult coin to grade due to the very worn dies from which this was struck. While the centers are of EF sharpness, the legends are all but obliterated. An interesting lot for the ultra-serious Connecticut specialist as it is doubted that many pieces exist from this extremely late striking. Ex B&R Newport Collection: 40.

BOWER'S 'HALPERN SALE' MAR 24, 1995

3333 **1787 M 1.2-C. Muttonhead.** VF, uniform faint porosity present, not unusual for this die combination. Rarity-3. 123.4 grains. The popular Muttonhead or Bradford Head variety. Medium brown surfaces. From the intermediate state of the obverse die, after partial regrinding; noticeable weakness in the peripheral legends, with some letters completely lapped from the die. A popular type.

The "Muttonhead" seems to be a variety produced by different coners than Connecticut contractors or Machin's Mills

BOWERS LEXINGTON SALE JAN 6, 1994

80 1787 Connecticut copper. M 1.2-C. Mailed Bust Right. The popu-
77.00 lar "Mutton Head" or "Bradford" variety. G-6. Rarity-3. 135.2 grains. From a later state of the obverse die, after peripheral areas have been reground. Well worn at the peripheries, with just fragments of the legends visible on either side. Medium tan surfaces with a few contact marks noted for accuracy. A very tiny edge clip is noted at 4:00 relative to the obverse.

NEW ENGLAND SALE MARCH 25, 1982

757 1787 Connecticut Cent, Mutton Head, Miller-1.2C, R-3, VERY FINE-20, flan planchet defect at head on reverse. Small planchet clip at 4 o'clock. Popular and interesting type, stylistically unique in Connecticut coinage. (Page 38 of the Guide Book)

1.2-C

BOWER'S 'M.H.S. SALE' NOV 18, 1994

3197 **1787 M 1.2-C. Muttonhead (or Bradford Head). F-15 for sharpness,** surfaces porous and dark in areas. **Rarity-5** (this die state). 120.3 grains. Struck from the rare, unlapped obverse die, with all letters in the legend complete. Some minor edge clips are seen.

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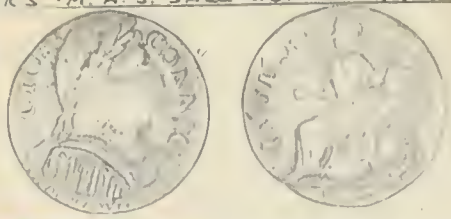
BOWER'S 'M.H.S. SALE' NOV 18, 1994



3198 **1787 M 1.2-C. Muttonhead. F-12. Rarity-5** (this die state). 109.8 grains. From the same rare early obverse die state as previous. Full legends and date. Olive-brown surfaces display lighter brown toning highlights on the high points. Some faint patina is noted, but overall a very pleasing specimen of this rare die state.

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BOWER'S "MHS. SALE" NOV 18, 1994

SEE EAA AUCTION (D. LINETT) SEPT 15, 1995 LOT #390

3199 **1787 M 1.2-C. Mailed Bust Right. VF-20,** light porosity. Rarity-3. 123.4 grains. Muttonhead or Bradford variety. Medium brown surfaces. From the intermediate state of the obverse die, after partial regrinding; noticeable weakness in the peripheral legends, with some letters completely lapped from the die. Very faint, uniform porosity, as noted. UNSOLD

BOWER'S 'M.H.S. SALE' NOV 18, 1994

3200 **1787 M 1.2-C. Mailed Bust Right. F-15.** Rarity-3. 135.8 grains. A second specimen of this popular variety, this also from the intermediate state of the obverse die. Olive-brown surfaces display a hint of faint porosity. Strong design details on the reverse, particularly at the center, where the bare-breasted Liberty is defined to nearly full advantage. Some weakness at LIB and the date.

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BOWER'S 'M.H.S. SALE' NOV 18, 1994

3201 **1787 M 1.2-C. Mailed Bust Right. VG-8.** Rarity-3. 97.7 grains. On an oval and moderately lightweight flan, with some ripples and uniform porosity noted.

82.5

The last of five Muttonhead or Bradford Connecticut varieties offered, an impressive number.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #4 SPRING, 1991

43. 1787. Miller 1.2-C, Breen 765. Rarity-3. The second "Muttonhead" variety. 126.8 grains. Very Good or so. As usually found on this variety, the peripheral legends, through many die regrindings and heavy use, are almost nonexistent, though the central details of both sides are actually quite sharp and warrant a higher grade. Attractive medium brown, with no problems or impairments as often found on this variety.....$49

On the reverse, Ms. Liberty is completely topless, a situation that, if it was noticed at the time of issue, seems to not have generated comments and concern, as did the 1916 Standing Liberty quarters issued a century-and-a-half later. Interestingly enough, this feature is found on only two other state coinage dies: 1787 Connecticut reverse mm [paired with the early state of this obverse die] and the "Atlee" imitation halfpenny, Vlack 2-71A [offered later on in this price list].

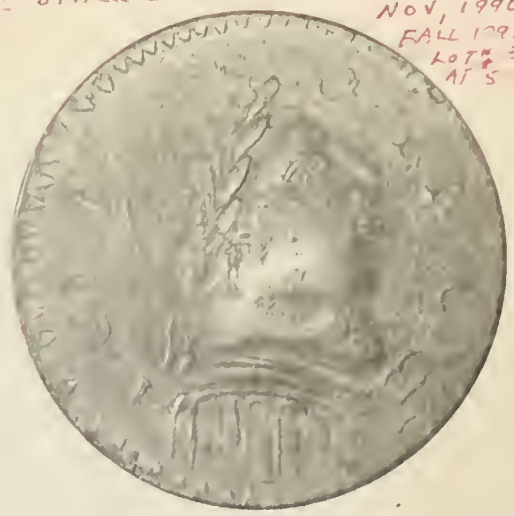
BOWER'S 'HALPERN SALE' MARCH 25, 1995

3334 **1787 M 1.2-C.** Mailed Bust Right. VF. Rarity-3. 144.6 grains. A medium brown specimen of the popular Muttonhead or Bradford variety. Intermediate state of the dies, after regrinding has weakened the peripheral legends. A few minor marks are noted, but still a pleasing coin overall.

M&G AUCTIONS 'L.T. SMITH SALE' JAN 7, 1995

CHOICE "MUTTON HEAD" CONNECTICUT M.1.2-C

SEE STACK'S FIXED PRICE LISTS NOV, 1990 & FALL 1991 LOT # 34 AT $10-



$1,100.00

87. 1787 CONNECTICUT M 1.2-C MBR VF35 128.7 gns. The "Muttonhead", among the more notorious contemporary counterfeit state coppers. This one from a relatively late state of the obverse and reverse dies. More importantly it has attractive medium to deep olive brown color with good super clean problem free surfaces. This coin was lot #123 from Stack's 1990 fixed price list of Colonial Coins and Medals. Very few examples of this quality have appeared on the market in recent years and in truth it has few peers. This coin is stronger than the Crosby-Garrett specimen which most recently was auctioned in September 1994 though that coin shows areas of fuller detail as it came from the earlier intermediate die states. A superb example of the latest die states was the Picker reference coin, an Extremely Fine without even a single complete letter left in its legends. Failure of the "Muttonhead" dies was not a natural process. To aid in their acceptance into the stream of commerce the dies for these coins were intentionally engraved in a way to simulate extensive wear and circulation. Hence the blob like bust which earned its nickname for approximating the look of a piece of meat as much as it does a person (the reason for the "Topless Liberty" reverse nickname is self evident). The first effort must not have been good enough because the dies were subsequently re-ground in stages to remove at first parts and finally almost all of the legend letters and date leaving only fragments.

1.2-C

SEE ROSA AMERICANA FPL #12 (1997) LOT #106

1787 1.2-C Late Die State. Very Fine. Rim Bruise.
M. Spencer Coll. Via E.P. Newman March, 1994.

SEE ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 LOT #138 SUMMER, 1999

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

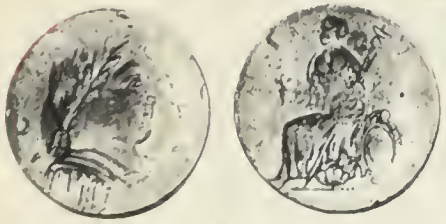
1787 MILLER 1.2-C

High Condition Census SMALL RIM BRUISES TECH. XF

*131, 450, 625 **1787 M.1.2-C. MBR.** "Bradford" or "Muttonhead" variety. R-3. **Choice Extremely Fine, high Condition Census.** 128.8 gns. Glossy, reddish olive brown. Surfaces smooth and hard even under magnification. Two small obverse and reverse rim dents. Reverse center soft due to obverse central die failure. In terms of technical grade and given the **late die states,** finer than nearly every other specimen offered lately. Far finer than both Taylor coins, the Norweb, Hessberg, and EF ANS specimens.

EX→ *From Coin Galleries' sale of the Richard Picker Connecticut Reference Collection, July 23, 1992, lot 2630.* AT $550

Late states of both dies, the obverse regrinding now obscures most of all letters, the center failing; most reverse letters illegible, die sinking from head to left arm to shield. These states rarer than the usually seen intermediate stage of 1.2-C, about as rare as the unlapped state.



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BOWER'S & MERENA "ELIASBERG COLL" MAY 20, 1996

425, 750, 825 TO JIM GOUDGE ELIASBERG

68 1787 Connecticut copper. Muttonhead or Bradford Head. Miller 1.2-C. Rarity-3. EF-40, with scrapes near torso.

Surfaces: Glossy dark brown. Very pleasing and attractive; indeed, one of the nicest seen. Reverse with tiny planchet lamination below N (of INDE). Two scrapes on the upper left leg of the seated figure are unfortunate, but this location is probably as good as any if they have to be there. Some lightness of strike at the centers reveals the characteristics of the original planchet; such striking is the norm for 1.2-C.

Narrative: The *Muttonhead* copper is one of the most curious in the entire Connecticut series, has a portrait larger than on any other, and was probably a contemporary counterfeit (but see footnote). This specimen is certainly among the finest extant. Whether it is Condition Census or not may depend upon an evaluator's measure of the aforementioned scrapes; lacking them, there would be no uncertainty.

Die state and characteristics: Obverse with die bulge at center affecting cheek and nearby areas of portrait. Earlier of the two major classes of 1.2-C, this before the dies were extensively resurfaced.

Weight: 115.8 grains.

Diameter: About 28.4mm.

What is a contemporary "counterfeit" Connecticut copper and what is not is highly subjective. The Muttonhead is crude and appears to be the work of an unskilled craftsman. However, Jarvis, Machin's Mills, and other non-royalty Connecticut coppers can be called counterfeits as well, as they were not of official origin.

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

47, 75, 240 1787 M.1.2-C. MBR. R-3. Muttonhead variety. Very Fine. 124.9 gns. Dark olive-brown on both sides. Surfaces micro-granular; both centers with micro-dot nicks and gouges. Infinitesimal reverse rim nick above ET. Tiny planchet cutter clip at 8 o'clock reverse obscures Liberty's feet. Intermediate state of the obverse die, that usually seen DARK

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 SALE" OCT 12, 1996 LOT #200
BOWER'S "GREENWALD & JACKSON SALE" SEPT 11-13, 1995

3109 1787 M 1.2-C. **Mailed Bust right. VF for sharpness,** but porous and patinated. Rarity-3. 128.7 grains. The popular "Muttonhead" or "Bradford" variety. From the intermediate die state, after partial regrinding has weakened some of the obverse details. Brown. Believed to have been struck by someone other than the usual issuers (indigenous Connecticut plus Machin's Mills).

100, 100, 110

1. 2-C

1787 M.1.2-C "MINT STATE"
ROBERT MARTIN COLLECTION
EX STACK'S "OECHSNER COLLECTION" SEPT 8,1988 LOT"1060

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ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE #12 SPRING 1997

A VERYCHOICE MIDDLE DIE STATE MUTTONHEAD

105 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.2-C, another, from an intermediate die state. 117.6 grains. Choice Very Fine. Well struck, with full central details as expected for the grade. The obverse has full mailing on the bust, and the reverse has an amazingly sharp seated Liberty The obverse die appears to have been lapped but a single time, affecting just the right side of the O of AUCTORI and the left side of the O of CONNEC as well as most of the E of that word. The reverse hasn't been lapped at all, and the legends and date are full. Medium brown surfaces, slightly dull in appearance but free of any sort of damage or defect, which makes for an example with great eye appeal. About as sharp as the Choice VF on our Tenth price list [at $479], and nicer overall than the VF on our last list [at $279]. Choice examples of this die state usually bring strong prices when offered: the Crosby-Garrett coin brought $1100 when it was offered in Stack's September, 1994 sale, and even the rough VG/F piece in Schenkel brought an amazing $312.50. Now, doesn't this one, several grades higher sound a lot better at a lower price? $279

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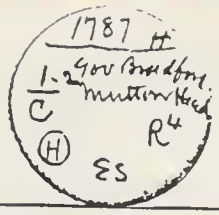

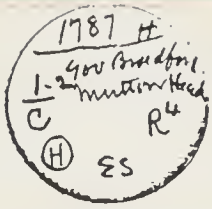

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A HIGH CONDITION CENSUS LATER DIE STATE MUTTONHEAD
From the Collections of Dr. Thomas Hall, Virgil Brand and Eric P. Newman
The First Time This Piece Has Been Publicly Offered!

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

106 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.2-C, another from a slightly later intermediate die state. Rarity-4 for this state. 126.0 grains. About Uncirculated, and a bold example of this popular issue. The central details are extremely sharp, as expected for the lofty grade assigned, including full hair and mailing detail on the obverse and full hair, face, breast, globe and shield detail on the reverse. The obverse legends are about half there, due solely to the lapped die which removed all of some letters and parts of others. The reverse die has been slightly reground, affecting only the tops of a few letters and the bottom of the date. Gorgeous light tan, extremely hard surfaces; a small old rim nick at K-7 is the only defect of note, and even that is not detracting. Although this is an extremely attractive, Condition Census example of a popular and major type, it gets even better. This is the DR. THOMAS HALL coin, with his inked attribution in the left obverse field. It is accompanied by his round cardboard ticket with his handwritten notation "Gov. Bradford Mutton Head" and the famous "circle H" among the attribution information. This coin passed from Dr. Hall to the collection of VIRGIL BRAND, later to famed dealer B.G. JOHNSON and finally to the collection of ERIC P. NEWMAN. The only distinctly nicer specimen we are aware of is the Oechsner coin, a full Uncirculated that brought $1650. This piece is about tied with the one in the 1989 ANA sale, an AU at $1100. Recent auction records for lower grade pieces have been quite strong, the Crosby-Garrett piece, a nice VF appeared in Stack's September, 1994 sale and brought $1045, while a VF+ was in the 1995 FUN sale and realized $1100! Here is a coin that has it all going for it — an extremely popular variety, listed as a major type in all the standard reference works, high in the Condition Census and with a pedigree that includes some of the finest numismatists of the 19th and 20th centuries — as well as being the first time the coin has been publicly offered for sale in at least a century!.....$979

This example is one of only a half dozen coins that have ever been released from the Eric P. Newman collection. In return for a personal favor, Mr. Newman sold six duplicate Connecticut coppers to dealer Mike Ringo. These were quickly absorbed by the collecting public, for very high figures since the pedigree was priceless. This is the final coin from the group, and will probably be the last chance for a collector to obtain a coin with a Hall-Brand-Newman pedigree. EX. M. SPENCER

SEE ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 LOT #138 SUMMER 1999 AS AST. UNC AT $1,899.00

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

A PLEASING EARLY DIE STATE MUTTONHEAD VARIETY
Struck Before the Dies were Reground

104 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.2-C, the first "Muttonhead" variety. Rarity-6 for the die state. 113.6 grains. Choice Fine overall, some areas a bit weaker as struck. This is the very rare EARLY DIE STATE, before the dies were reground. Full legends on the obverse, the tops of TORI off the planchet due to the centering. The reverse is a bit weaker, though the legends are full [LIB is faint but visible] and a full date, the very bottom of the 17 off the planchet. Dark brown, evenly rough surfaces, as always found on this die state, but free of any sort of post-striking damage or defect; all examples of this early state that we have seen have been rough to one degree or another. Struck early in the life of this die pair, before the obverse die was lapped and ground down [to remove some sort of damage or clashing], which severely weakened the letters the legend on that side. An extremely rare and popular "sub-variety," in constant demand from type collectors and specialists in the series. A bit nicer overall than the Fine or so coin on our last list which received multiple orders at $189. We expect this one to be of interest at just.....$229

Although often catalogued as being struck from intentionally worn dies, it is obvious that this die pair was deeply engraved, with full legends and sharp design detail. The striking pressure needed to fuuly bring up the design must have been enormous, and probably contributed to some damage such as clashing early on in their life. With dies expensive to replace, it wasn't surprising that the coiners lapped and reground them to remove any such damage, leading to coins with only traces of legends visible. Subsequent lappings must have greatly reduced the depth of the dies and thus allowed the coiners to decrease the striking pressure, thus extending their life.

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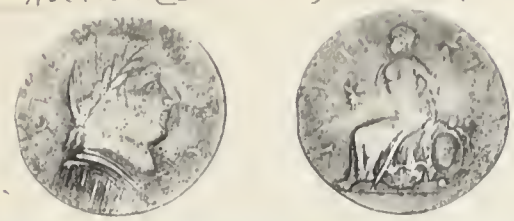
EAN AUCTION (D LINETT) SEPT 15, 1995



390 1787 CT Copper, Miller 1.2-C, "Muttonhead" variety, Fine. Rarity 3. Light, uniform surface porosity. A scarce and desirable Connecticut "type.". ..... (300-350)

SEE BOWER'S "M.H.S. SALE" NOV 16, 1994 LOT # 3199

EAN AUCTION (DANA LINETT) NOV 16, 1996

45 1787 CT Copper, "Mutton Head", Very Good or better. 143.4 grains. Miller 1.2-C. Rarity 3. Dark brown, with lighter tan high points. The top of the obverse shows an interesting lamination defect, and several small voids appear on the reverse. Mutton Heads never come with much detail because of the low relief and poor engraving of the original dies, but this piece is as good as, if not better than, most seen. A popular GUIDEBOOK variety. ... . (200-250)

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.1.2-C
VERY FINE, DARK
EARLY DIE STATES
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION

BOWER'S "SEBRING & GARBE SALE" MARCH 21, 1996

1082 1787 Connecticut copper. Mailed Bust Right. M 1.2-C. Fine for overall sharpness. Another example of the Muttonhead or Bradford variety. Rarity-3. 132.1 grains. Intermediate die state, after the obverse has been reground causing weak peripheral legends. Lightly porous with red and black patina in areas.

88.00

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL # 10 SPRING, 1995

A VERY CHOICE MIDDLE DIE STATE MUTTONHEAD

115 1787 Connecticut, Miller 1.2-C, the "Muttonhead" variety, early intermediate die state. Rarity-3 for the variety, Rarity-5 in this die state. 121.3 grains. Choice Very Fine, with some striking weakness apparent at the top of the obverse, though else quite strong. This example is from a rare state of the dies, almost as difficult as the above coin, with the obverse die having been lapped once, and the reverse die still untouched. This leaves the top of the U and the right side of the O of AUCTORI weak, as are parts of CON and all of the E of CONNEC. The reverse die is still perfect, with the legends and date bold and complete, as is Miss Liberty's topless torso, a feature unique to this die and a bit of contemporary pornography that would have certainly shocked the sensibilities of those who led sheltered lives (if they had bothered looking at something as lowly as a copper coin, that is!). Gorgeous glossy light brown surfaces that are hard and choice—an almost unheard of color and quality for this notorious contemporary counterfeit. There is a small, natural depression on the obverse at the top of the effigy's head, but that doesn't detract at all. No post-striking nicks, bruises, dents or scratches to mar the beautiful eye appeal of the coin. Much nicer than any other example that we've seen in this die state, including the Crosby-Garrett coin that brought $1100 in the Garrett sale and $1045 when it recently appeared in the September, 1994 Stack's sale. The Choice VF example in the recent Ludwig Smith sale was from the more common later die state, and though marginally sharper on the obverse effigy's face, it did not possess this kind of gloss. It also brought $1100. This is one coin that the variety or type collector will not have to worry about upgrading!.....$479

The cataloger of the Ludwig Smith Connecticuts erred when he said "to aid in their acceptance into the stream of commerce the dies for these coins were intentionally engraved in a way to simulate extensive wear and circulation." As can be seen from the early die state coins, the dies were engraved with full legends, date and fairly deep design details. Both the obverse and reverse dies were lapped and ground down on several separate occasions, possibly in an effort to make the finished product look worn, possibly because of die damage (clashing, etc.) that could only be removed through the lapping process.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL # 10 SPRING, 1995

VERY RARE EARLY DIE STATE MUTTONHEAD

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL # 11 SPRING, 1996 LOT # 123 AT $89.00

WHT. 121.0 GR.

114 1787 Connecticut, Miller 1.2-C, the "Muttonhead" variety, in the extremely rare early die state. Rarity-3 for the variety, Rarity-6 in this die state. Fine or slightly better in terms of sharpness, with full, bold legends on either side and a sharp date. Good design detail as well with full mailing on the obverse bust and a nearly complete pair of breasts on Miss Liberty's topless torso. Dark brown, evenly rough surfaces, with a toning spot of a lighter color at the final 7 in the date. This color and surface quality are completely typical for this extremely rare die state, and all examples that we have seen have been rough to one degree or another. Two small edge clips are visible at K-3 and K-5 on the obverse, though they barely touch the denticles and do not disturb any of the legends. Struck early in the life of this die pair, before the obverse die was lapped and gound down [to remove some sort of damage or clashing], which weakned the letters in the legend on that side. Connecticut specialists will often assemble die state sets of this variety, going from the early, unlapped state offered here to an early intermediate state [offered below] with nearly complete legends, to a later intermediate state with only partial legends, to a late state with just faint traces of the legend to an extremely late die state where both the obverse and reverse legends have been ground away. An extremely rare and popular "sub-variety," in constant demand from type collectors and the first that we've owned since we were collecting Connecticut coppers way back in the 1980's! A real find for the specialist, and a bargain at only.....$179

This cataloguer remembers purchasing his specimen of the early die state from the late David Sonderman in October, 1984 [just a few days after my 20th birthday] for the princely sum of $160. Dave was nice enough to hold the coin for me for nearly a month before I was able to scrape up payment, and I've never forgotten his kindness in similar situations where he would stretch out payments to fit my young budget. Truly a gentleman and one of the nicest people in colonial coins he died far too young.

1. 2-C

BOWERS "SEBRING & GARBE" MARCH 21, 1996

$247.50

1081 **1787 Connecticut copper. Mailed Bust Right. M 1.2-C. VF. 160.8 grains.** The popular Muttonhead or Bradford variety. Intermediate die state, with some areas of the obverse legend weak from regrinding of the die. Uniform faint porosity and a shallow depression on the obverse effigy's cheek noted for accuracy, but not a bad example of the variety.

The "Muttonhead" issue is not die-linked with the other and extensive part of the series and is believed to be a contemporary counterfeit. Of course, "counterfeit" in the contemporary sense = an eminently desirable collectible; not to be confused with a numismatic counterfeit made later. Numerous key items among copper coins of the 1780s are counterfeits made by Machin's Mills and are among the rarest and most expensive issues of their era.

R.M. SYMTHE AUCTION #167 AUG 12, 1997

1006 **1787 Connecticut. Mailed Bust Facing Right. M1.2-C. R3.** 123.44 grains. **VF.** Deeper red fields contrast with lighter devices. There are a few very light digs on the obverse, hardly noticeable. *(250-350)*

320-
350-
385-

RITAN ANVAR

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

200. 231 1787 CONNECTICUT M1.2-C MBR (R-3) VF30 128.7 gns. "The Muttonhead Type". Intermediate die states, legends and date full on reverse, partial on obverse. Medium to dark olive brown with dark verdigris mixed into the patina in places and within the very fine pitting that is distributed over much of the obverse. Reverse the same with the pitting larger towards the upper left and lacking at the lower right. Old obverse scrape form chin to Mail dig on reverse right of shield. Surfaces a little better than this sounds, they are actually mediocre, and the detail is strong. Worth consideration by a budget collector who wants to see something for their precious, but meager, dollars.

BOWERS "GREENWALD & JACKSON" SALE SEPT 11, 1995 LOT # 3109 AT $110

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 5, 1997

2611 **1787 Connecticut Copper.** Miller 1.2-C. Mutton Head variety. Choice Fine for a coin in the intermediate state of the obverse die. Some reverse rim nicks.

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "DOOLEY" JAN 11, 1997

024. 1787 CONNECTICUT M1.2-C MBR R3 VF20. 129.4GNS. "The Muttonhead Type." Intermediate die state, legends and date full on reverse, partial on obverse. Dark golden brown and reflective despite being granular and a bit rough in a few places. Clip visible at 12:00 from reverse.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

A Very Choice Middle Die State Piece

124 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.2-C, another. Middle die state. Rarity-5 for this die state. 129.3 grains. Very Fine, nearly in the choice category. Boldly impressed, with full legends [for the die state], a strong full date, and amazingly sharp design details on either side. The obverse die has been lapped and ground down, affecting the tops of AU and the right side of the O of AUCTORI as well as the left side of the ON and almost all of the E of CONNEC. The lapping also affected the finer detail in the obverse effigy's face and hair, though the detail on his mailed bust is razor sharp and full. The reverse die was not lapped, and the legends are full and sharp, with LIB being just a bit weaker than the rest. The date fis ully on the planchet which is unusual. This die state is rarer than the usually-seen later states that have both dies severely ground and with just traces of legends on the obverse. Light medium brown surfaces, slightly matte-like, but with no defect or damage of any sort. A very attractive example of this issue, just about as sharp as the example we offered on our last price list [a Choice VF at $479] which received multiple orders and sold quickly. We note that choice examples of this die state usually bring strong prices when offered at auction. The Crosby-Garrett coin, graded VF, brought $1100 when it was reoffered in Stack's September, 1994 sale, and even the rough VG/F piece in the Scehnkel sale still brought $312.50! While the die state is certainly rare, finding a coin with this kind of eye appeal is even more so — especially when it is offered at a price of just.....$279

Although often catalogued as being struck from intentionally worn dies, it is obvious that the dies were deeply engraved with full legends and intricate design detail. The striking pressure needed to fully bring up the design must have been enormous, and quite shortly after the dies were first put into service they were lapped to bring them down to a more shallow depth [or to remove damage from clashing?]. Subsequent lapping and regrinding of both dies probably served to greatly enhance the die life.

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125 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.2-C, a third. Late middle die state. 127.1 grains. Near Fine overall, the central details stronger than the peripheries. A few obverse letters can be made out, as can about half of the reverse legend, though all the letters are faint. No trace of the date. Medium brown surfaces, with some light roughness and a few small planchet flaws on the obverse. An inexpensive example of this naked-eye type coin.....$39

From the Mrs. Lillian S. Willins collection, purchased from Richard August in September, 1981.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK FPL #11 SPRING 1996

126 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.2-C, a fourth, this one in an extremely late die state. 118.5 grains. Very Good or so, the central details suggesting a higher grade, but with the dies severely lapped and ground down so that there is not even a trace of the peripheral legends or date — diagnostic for this die state. Medium brown surfaces, with some light roughness which was probably in the planchet before the piece was struck. An inexpensive and charming example of this popular type.....$49

The Garrett collection contained an Uncirculated example of this late die state which was not recognized by its owners as even being a Connecticut copper! It was included in their holdings as a counterfeit halpence and was offered — correctly attributed — in the Part IV sale, not with the regular Connecticuts.

1.2-C

1787 M.1.2-C EXTREMELY FINE. LATE DIE STATE
ANTHONY TERRANOVA COLLECTION
EX STACK'S STORE STOCK

1787 M.1.2-C EXTREMELY FINE. EARLY DIE STATE
ANTHONY TERRANOVA COLLECTION
EX BLAISDELL STACK'S SALE ??

1.2-C

STACK'S SALE MAY 6, 1997

LOVELY 1787 MILLER 1.2-C

ONE OF THE FINEST KNOWN

Lot No. 353
(Enlarged)

353 **1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.2-C. Mutton or Bradford Head variety.** About Uncirculated. **One of the Finest Known.** 146.9 gns. Rarity 3. Lovely, rich pale olive brown on both sides. Surfaces just about everywhere smooth, hard, just microgranular. Well centered, with both devices entirely on flan. Intermediate states of the dies, showing signs of lapping and consequent loss of detail in letters of the peripheral legends on both sides. Obverse die clearly sinking in the center, vaguely formed "goiter" appearing at the back of the obverse effigy's neck; reverse sinking behind Liberty's figure, appearing as a bulge on the struck coin. Full "topless" Liberty on the reverse. Infinitesimally tiny rim nick at upper left on obverse, a slightly larger one at upper left on reverse. Slight planchet cutter rim remnant remaining around the upper and right portions of the reverse rim, not disturbing, however. This is a super high grade specimen, one of the finest we have ever handled. ***(SEE COLOR PLATE)***

R.M. SYMTHE AUCTION #167 AUG 12, 1997

580-
580-
638-

1007 **1787 Connecticut. M1.2-C. "MUTTONHEAD" or "Bradford". R3.** 149.68 grains. **Very Fine**, perhaps better. Light brown with a few negligible patches of dark red or brown toning. Typical of this early die state, only portions of the date are visible, but the details on the major devices of the coin are extraordinary (note the two bare breasts). Sharper than any of the "Muttonheads" in the Taylor collection, and well worth a premium bid. **(Photo)** ***(600-900)***

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

385-
410-
451-

158. **1787 CONNECTICUT M.1.2-C MBR (R-3) VF25** 135.8 gns. The "Muttonhead Type". Late (but not latest) die states. Nearly all of the obverse right legends gone, partial on left. For the most part the same on reverse, though more remains of the left legend and the upright of L from LIB is clear. The date though, is gone in this state. Nice for the grade. Dark olive, and faintly granular, but fine and faint enough to virtually mimic hard surfaces, with the gloss to prove it. There's not a stray mark to be noted on this coin. *For one of the finest known examples of the latest die state see lot #131 in Stack's 3/94 sale.*

1.2-C

MACALLEY & GREUMAN 3RD C'T SALE NOV 2, 1997

575-
650-
715.00

157. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.1.2-C MBR (R-3) VF35 149.1 gns. The "Muttonhead Type". Intermediate to late die states, legends and date partial. Smooth, predominantly tan, and glossy surfaces. Several ruddish spots are scattered on the obverse, mostly at the upper right. The reverse has a small darker area at the rim at 10:00. Each side with a light pin scratch or two. This is an attractive example, well centered with crisp central detail that is enhanced by the generally light toning and gloss.

STACK'S SALE "PERKINS" JAN 14, 1998

240 1787 M.1.2-C. MBR Mutton Head. R-3. 124.9 gns. Overall, Fine, sharpness of Very Fine in places. Reverse much sharper than usually seen. Light gold with some areas darker. Both surfaces microgranular, some pitting visible. Obverse mis-struck, the die apparantly set out of alignment with the reverse, causing an apparent bend at the top. We have records of 52 of these.

100-
110-
121

Intermediate state of the obverse, as usually seen. Reverse appears perfect

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EX. STACK'S SALE 10/20/1987 LOT # 37 AS XF SHARP @ $1,430.00 TO ANTHONY TERRANOVA

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1787 Connecticut 'Mutton Head'

AU55 [PCGS]

Miller 1.2-C variety, Early Die State. Considered to be Rarity-3 as a type, but more like R-7+ as an EDS in the condition seen here.

A remarkable example of this major Redbook type, this is the finest Mutton Head we've ever owned or seen.

The color is an especially nice, original, golden brown, and the surfaces are hard and naturally glossy. Just a bit of the original planchet texture is visible in the centers (as is the case with most all of these), but the legends are nearly full and there is about as much detail present as can be found on this type.

Indeed, the only comparably high grade specimens we could trace in the last 30 years or so are late die state pieces with much of the legends missing.

Which makes this is one of the more interesting state coppers we've ever handled, and a prize for the specialist.

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1.2-C

CNL (1975)

1.2-MM

-1787-

1787
1.2-mm

CNL NO# 11 MARCH, 1964 P.29 ED BARNSLEY

R. A. Vlack reported in 1961 this new combination of obverse 1.2 with a heretofore unknown reverse he designated mm. (CNL, Vol. II, No. 2, P. 4). Since then, another specimen has been found which is very much better preserved than the discovery piece illustrated by Vlack. It discloses that the reverse legend is without punctuation save for an extremely large pellet crowded in between ET and LIB. Two specimens located: ERB-2.

CNL, VOL II, NO-2 P.4 APRIL 1961

THE MUTTONHEADS

Most of us will recognize the characterized "Muttonhead", or "Bradford Head", as that Connecticut variety known and classified by Miller as the 1(2)-C. The obverse of this particular coin is also known to have an extremely weak legend, but with the face usually, clearly outlined. However, and this is important, another die state of this variety is also in existance, and is much rarer. This condition has the legend well struck, but the area between the eyes and the top of the mail is bulged, thus obliterating this portion of the face. This is the earlier die state. The outline of the face has been later strengthened to probably make a more presentable coin.

The known reverse, designated as the C., has the legend INDE and ET separated by a large period on the left, and LIB on the right. There is no need to further discuss this known reverse at this point. A new reverse has joined the fold of the Connecticut varieties, and has been newly christened as an "mm" reverse.

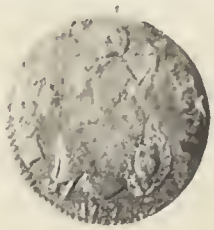
The overall central hub is similar in appearance, however, the legend has the INDE on the left, and the ET and LIB on the right separated by a large ornament, probably intending to be some sort of rosette. In all probability, there is also an ornament after the INDE to fill up the space between the E and the head, but unfortunately this specimen will not reveal this to be a fact.

Many indications show this coin to be some sort of a die trial. The obverse has been properly struck which is indicated by the lettering and the mail, but the reverse has only the I and the 7 properly sunk along with the first I. The rest of the coin has practically no relief. The size of the letters and the numerals of the "mm" reverse are the same as the "C" reverse. The reverse of the "C" is also better balanced in spacing and proportion, thus accounting for the possibility of the "mm" reverse being discarded.

To my knowledge, this specimen is unique. If there is another example known to anyone, I would appreciate knowing of it so that a more precise description regarding this new discovery can be presented to collectors.

My thanks to Ned Barnsley for corroborating this specimen the new 1(2) mm.

Robert A. Vlack
39 Donna Street
West Peabody, Mass.



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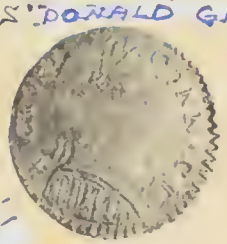
EX. STACK'S "DONALD GROVES" SALE NOV 12, 1974



EX. BOWER'S CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE NOV 14, 1990

DISCOVERY SPECIMEN

220 – 700 –

Lot No. [illegible]

352 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.2-mm. Extremely rare variety and type, unknown to Crosby, Hall, Miller, etc. The obverse is the Mutthonhead type [illegible] ened lettering and details. The revers., though similar in style [illegible] Muttonhead has the legend INDE ET LIB instead of INDE ET LIB. L[illegible] by Taxay (page 16 #158) as a distinct type. To the best of our knowledge there are only four known specimens. This being the discovery [illegible] scribed and illustrated in the Colonial Newsletter, Vol. 2, No. 2, Apr. [illegible] Of the others, one is in a private coll[illegible]on in New Jersey a[illegible] private collection in Massachusetts and h[illegible] in our March 1973 sale lot 44 at $1,150.00. Th[illegible] all details including date a[illegible] clear. Very Good. OPEN $220 SOLD $700

$700

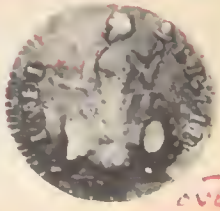
BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1988)

I. UNLOCATED PRIVATE MINT (New York City?)

763 1787 First Muttonhead, INDE ET.LIB Ex rare.
M. 1.2-mm. Discovered by R. A. Vlack, *CNL* 2,2 (4/61). 1) Vlack, Groves:352, vG, $700 (1974). 2) N.J. pvt. coll. 3) Mass. pvt. coll. 4) MHS II:44, "vf," $1,150 (1973). 5) Pvt. coll.

EX. MHS 3/29/73 LOT # 44
EX. TAYLOR 3/27/87 LOT # 2325

TAYLOR
MHS
BREEN PLATE



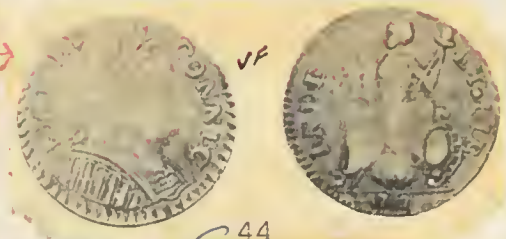
OVER

1.2-MM

Rare Unlisted Variety

EX. STACK'S MASS. HIST. SALE MARCH 29, 1973

44 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.2-mm. Of the highest rarity! **UNKNOWN** to Crosby, Hall, Miller, etc. The Mutton Head type, with the INDE ET . LIB reverse, which makes it a new type as well. This variety was discovered about 8-10 years ago, and to the best of our knowledge, this is the best of only four known. The obverse is slightly off center (as are the other three), but everything is on the planchet. The normal Mutton Head is usually seen very weak. In this variety all the letters and details are very strong, which leads us to believe that the obverse die was strengthened. Though the central portions of obverse and reverse are somewhat weak, they are stronger than the other known specimens. Not a flaw or damage, and a lovely even chestnut brown. A real prize for the Connecticut specialist, as well as the type collector. Very Fine. **PLATE** AT $1,150 — TO F. TAYLOR



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MASS. HIST. SOC. SPECIMEN
TAYLOR
BREEN PLATE

This variety was unknown to either Hall or Miller. It combines the "Muttonhead" obverse, an early state of that die (but slightly later than the specimen in Lot 2393 above) and a recently-discovered reverse characterized by an exceptionally large period between ET and LIB. The centers of all known "Muttonheads" are usually weak, as the obverse relief was, seemingly, cut too high for the flan. The discovery of this variety was announced by Robert A. Vlack in 1961 (*Colonial News Letter*, v. 2, n. 2, page 4) and designated by him as a combination of 1.2 obverse and mm reverse. In March 1964 Edward R. Barnsley described the discovery of the piece in his "Millers Connecticut Listings Updated" (see above for full citation), describing it as follows:

> 1.2-mm. R.A. Vlack reported in 1961 this new combination of obverse 1.2 with a heretofore unknown reverse he designated mm. Since then another specimen has been found which is very much better preserved than the discovery piece illustrated by Vlack [this present piece]. It discloses that the reverse legend is without punctuation, save for an extremely large pellet crowded in between ET and LIB. Two specimens located. ERB-2.

The following is a complete list of those reported: 1. This present specimen. 2. The Vlack discovery coin. 3. CNL Foundation, ex Barnsley. 4. Another, possibly two more. There is no specimen of this rare combination in the ANS collection, nor the Norweb collection. None appeared in the Pine Tree I.A.C. Convention Sale, nor in Stack's sale of the Pfeifer Collection, 1984. To the best of our knowledge, this is only the second time this variety has been offered at public auction.

A brief review of the complexities of the "Muttonhead" varieties 1.2 C and 1.2 mm was [illegible] by Gary A. Trudgeon, "The Mysterious Muttonhead," and appeared in the *Rare Coin* [illegible] No. 63, winter 1986-1987, p. 74.

BOWER'S (TAYLOR SALE) MARCH 27, 1987

1787 M 1.2-mm

Probably Finest Known

FINEST

BREEN PLATE

MHS
TAYLOR

NICE SMOOTH MOTTLED REDDISH BROWN

$4,400—

2395 1787 Connecticut. M 1.2-mm. Mailed Bust Right. "Muttonhead" or "Bradford" variety. 1157 grains. 180°. **High Rarity-7. VF-20 or finer.** Smooth, even surfaces, centers weakly struck as usual. All known are slightly off center on the obverse. Even, deep chestnut brown. Pronounced horizontal bulge across the top of the reverse, accounting for the short life of this die, and the attendant rarity of the combination. Probably the finest known, superior to the Vlack discovery coin or the Colonial Newsletter Foundation, ex Barnsley specimen. @ $4,400—

From Stack's March 1973 Sale, Lot 44

TO R. MARTIN

REV. MM

TAYLOR PLATE (1965)

SEE COLOR PHOTO

1.2-mm 1787 V6 R7+

Sunken reverse die.

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION)

BARNSLEY - CNL SPECIMEN.

1787 Connecticut, Muttonhead variety, M-1.2-mm (Colonial Newletter Foundation, ex. Barnsley)

BOWERS RARE COIN REVIEW #63 P.74

1.2-MM

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL' NOV 14, 1990

1787 M 1.2-mm

DISCOVERY COIN
EX. STACK'S
D. GROVES #352
NOV, 1974

Rarity-7+ "Bradford Head"

The Discovery Coin

DARK OLIVE GREEN

EDGE DING

2100-
3200-
$3,520.00

5665 **1787 M 1.2-mm. "Bradford Head" variety. Rarity-7+. The Discovery coin. VG-8.** 124.7 grains. Even, deep green patination on both sides. Small obverse rim nick at 11:00, edge irregularity at 3:00, old scrape through shoulder. Reverse rim nick at 3:00. Both surfaces very porous, microscopically pitted. Discovery coin, first published in *The Colonial Newsletter* (April 1961). Possibly five known, only four traced: Taylor:2395, finest known; the present example; C.N.L. Foundation, ex Edward R. Barnsley; two others, private collections. Missing from the ANS Collection, none in Norweb, nor the Pine Tree/EAC sale. First auction appearance of this variety since the Taylor Sale (1987). Die states equivalent to Taylor:2395.

Ex Stack's/Groves (11/~~84~~ 74):352. AT $700.00

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Jeff Rock, the well known Connecticut specialist has suggested an emission sequence for obverse 1.2 as follows: 1.2-mm–1.2-C–reground 1.2-C–late 1.2-C.

Note that lots 1026-1028 of our 1989 ANA sale were misattributed as 1.2-mm in the catalogue due to a typographical error; they were each 1.2-C.

1.2-mm -- Discovered in 1960 by Robert A. Vlack, this combines the "Muttonhead" obverse, in its earliest die state, with a new reverse, thoroughly described by Vlack in *The Colonial Newsletter*, Volume II, Number 2. Four specimens positively traced: the discovery coin, ex Vlack, Barnsley, Stack's 11/74, Bowers & Merena 11/90 - Bronx collector; one in the Barnsley/CNL Reference collection, one sold privately by Barnsley, and one ex Stack's, 3/73-Taylor-Bronx collector. Another is rumored but unverified.

1787 1.2-mm ANS ASCENSION 2005 (BARNSLEY)

SEE TAXAY PLATE (REV) 1965 / BOWERS RCR # C3 P. 74

1.2-MM

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

THE EXTREMELY RARE SECOND MUTTONHEAD, MILLER 1.2-mm
THE FIFTH KNOWN EXAMPLE, THE ONLY ONE AVAILABLE TO COLLECTORS
<<<OFFERED FOR BIDDING ONLY>>>

127 1787 Connecticut. Miller 1.2-mm, the second "Muttonhead" variety. High Rarity-7. 125.6 grains. Very Fine, and an exceptionally bold example. Full, crisp legends, a sharp date and extremely vivid design detail, with all of the mailing on the obverse effigy razor-sharp as is the detail on the reverse shield. A bit weak at the absolute centers on either side, due to some light obverse die failure in that area. Gorgeous hard chocolate brown surfaces, with a few insignificant marks at the very center of either side, else amazingly choice. The coin has been HOLED at K-2 and K-8, close to the rims. The one at K-2 is in front of the obverse effigy's nose and misses all the legends on either side. The one at K-8 is above the U of AUCTORI and misses that letter, though it does touch the D of INDE on the reverse. These holes are extremely old and can easily be repaired by an expert in such matters [and we'd be glad to refer you to the best], and the finished product would be an extremely attractive coin. In some ways, the condition of the coin is moot since it is an extremely rare variety, with only FIVE EXAMPLES KNOWN IN ALL GRADES, one of which is permanently impounded, three of which are in large, private collections, leaving this the ONLY specimen available to this generation of collectors! The reverse die appears to have failed very early in its life, as all five examples show some sinking in the center and light bulging at the top. No doubt only a few were struck before it failed completely, accounting for the rarity of the issue today. The known examples of this rarity are as follows:

1) The Vlack Discovery coin, Very Good. Later in Stack's sale of the "Donald Groves" collection and Bowers and Merena's Schenkel sale. Now in the collection of Robert Martin.

2) The Massachusetts Historical Society - Taylor coin, Very Fine, the finest known example and used as the Breen plate piece in his Encyclopedia. Early die state. Now in the collection of Robert Martin.

3) The Ned Barnsley coin, in the permanent collection of the Colonial Newsletter Foundation, grading Fine or so, very late die state. The reverse of this piece was illustrated in Robert Vlack's 1965 book Early American Coins [second edition], while both sides were illustrated in Bowers and Ruddy's Rare Coin Review number 63 [Winter, 1986/7] in an article on "The Mysterious Muttonhead" by Gary Trudgen.

4) A coin in the private collection of a prominent New York collector [not Robert Martin!], discovered in April, 1995 in a junk lot. Graded VF but with severe rim bruises.

5) This example, VF, holed twice. Discovered by Mario Byrge. TO JIM GOUDGE AT $2800.00

As can be seen by the above census, the list of people who have owned the variety have been extremely limited. Such famous numismatists as Sylvester Crosby, Dr. Thomas Hall, Henry Miller, Hillyer Ryder, Frederic Canfield,and F.C.C. Boyd never saw the variety, let alone own it. It was completely missing from sales like Garrett, Norweb, Oecshner, Hessberg, Roper, Robison, Perkins, Kessler-Spangenberger, the famous EAC '75 sale and every other major auction of the last thirty years. It is completely missing from museum collections like the American Numismatic Society, the American Numismatic Association and the Connecticut State Library. To add your name to the list of oweners represents a measure of infamy in the field of early American coins. It's also an opportunity that may not be repeated in our lifetimes. This coin will be offered for bidding only, please see the footnote for the technical details.....OFFERED BY BID ONLY

Offered by mail and telephone bid only. Closing date for bids is April 15 [with apologies to the IRS for usurping their date!]. You can call for estimates or to see what the current high bid is, though the identity of the highest bidder will not be disclosed. You can increase your bid[s] at any time. There is no buyer's fee for this sale. Photographs are not yet available, but will hopefully be taken by the middle of March. If you would like to see photos of this piece, please call and request them. SEE PHOTO NEXT PAGE

This variety was discovered by Robert Vlack in late 1960 and first published in The Colonial Nesletter, Vol.2, No.2, 1961. Thanks to Robert Martin for his census information which agreed with ours, as well as his permission to cite him as owner of the first two examples here listed.

MARIO BYRGE writes, (EAC PENNY WISE ISSUE #184 JAN 15, 1998

I would like to share a couple of great experiences with all the EAC members. I am a new member, number 4602, but I have been a copper collector for nearly 26 years, and I sincerely do believe in books, strictly education. However, I do know quite a few local dealers in Michigan that do not believe in any form of information, just profits. So if I may I would like to share two true stories that I had encountered.

My first experience took place about four years ago, I was in a local coin store sorting out some early copper, which the dealer called "junk." In going through this plastic baggie of copper, I pulled out six pieces of copper, Connecticut copper; one of the pieces had two small holes, the type that was used in a game of sorts during the early days. After buying all six pieces for $8, I was totally amazed to learn that the Connecticut copper with the two holes was a Miller 1.2 mm! After research with a friend, we discovered that it was the fifth known specimen of that elite variety! I later sold the rarity to a west coast colonial dealer.

ROSA AMERICANA EPI #11 SPRING, 1996 - JIM GOODGE

1.2-mm

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March 23, 1996

Dear Bobby,

Enclosed are the photos of the 1.2-mm that I promised you. The color isn't quite right on the photos, as the coin is a lovely two-tone medium brown with chocolate fields and lighter legends and devices. The light marks in the centers are not as noticeable as they are on the photos.

As you can see, the holes are rather strategically placed and really only obscure the D of INDE. I'm sure the piece can be repaired and look quite attractive!

I'll be out of town from March 28 until April 8, though my answering machine will be hooked up and I'll check my messages on a regular basis. Let me know if you are interested in bidding on the coin!

Hope all is going well, and will talk to you soon.

Best Wishes,

Jeff Rock

1.2-mm

1787 M.1.2-mm WHT 115.7GRAINS VERY FINE. FINEST KNOWN
ROBERT MARTIN COLLECTION
EX BOWERS "TAYLOR COLLECTION" MARCH 27,1987 LOT#2395 (PLATE)
EX STACK'S "MASS HIST SOC" SALE MARCH 29,1973 LOT#44 (PLATE)

1.3-L

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY MINT

MAILED BUST RIGHT DESIGN

70 **1787.** M. 1.3–L. R–7. Medium size head with broad leaves, 6–pointed star in breastplate (compare the Laughing Heads), wide horseshoe–shaped U as on Walter Mould's dies for the broad–flan New Jersey coppers. **Better than VG, some details suggesting Fine,** profile not as strong as reverse (as always for this variety); slightly rough, brown patina, devices a little high–lighted. This is nevertheless one of the finer examples of this rarity; finer than the Taxay Plate coin. **Possibly no more than nine specimens are extant in all grades, not one of which would rate fully VF. (Photo)** $275 **($275.–up)**

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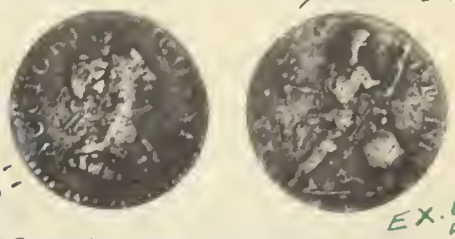
BOWERS "MANN-SMEDLEY" SEPT 13-14, 1988



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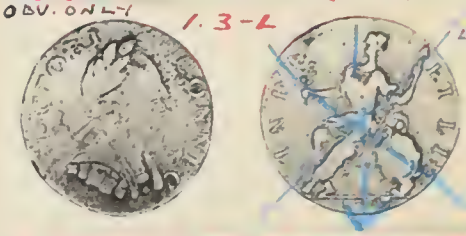
EX. EAC'75 LOT #70

3056 **1787 Connecticut copper. M 1.3-L.** VG-8 to F-12. Rarity-6. 110.5 grains. Deep brown. Porous surfaces with one or two old nicks. Full date. First I on reverse weak, as usual, weakness extending to cover neighboring N, as well. $220

VLACK PLATE (1965) 117.9 GR.

OBV. ONLY 1.3-L

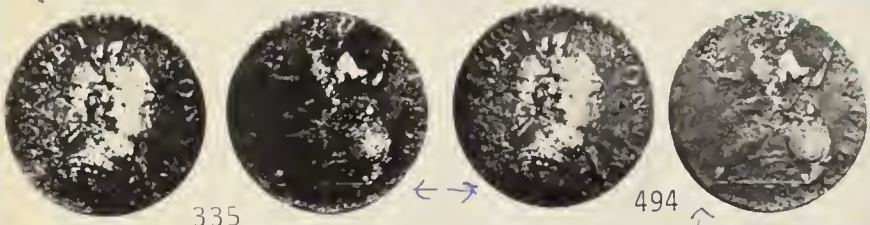


SEE LARGE PHOTO

R. MARTIN TO D. MENCHELL 11/87

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

335 **1787. Morristown, N. J. Mint.** Mailed Bust Right. M.1.3–L. R–7. Compare lot 70. **Some details Fine,** others weaker, CT and INDE ET not visible, profile and many other details clear, some other details obscured by roughness; overall should rate close to VG. **Extremely rare, probably not over nine specimens known, all in low grades.** Ex T. L. Craige, March 1970, Alan Kessler. **(Photo)** (——) $150



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PINE TREE "ELIZ. MORTON" 1 OF 9 KNOWN OCT 1, 1975

SEE PINE TREE SALES 11/8/77 & 6/19/78

494 **1787.** Mailed Bust Right. **M.1.3-L.** R-7. Some details Fine, others weaker; some details obscured by roughness, **overall Very Good.** Not over 9 specimens known, all in low grades. Ex T. L. Craige, Alan Kessler **(Photo)** $130 **($200.-250.)**

DECENT COLOR SOME MINOR POROSITY & DEFECTS

TAYLOR

$187 BOWER'S (TAYLOR SALE) MARCH 27, 1987

2396 **1787 Connecticut. M 1.3-L. Mailed Bust Right.** 115.3 grains. **Rarity-6.** F-12. Light golden brown, two flaws, one each on obverse and reverse. Miller attribution number painted on the obverse. Some porosity. First I on reverse weak, as usual. Tops of reverse letters partly off flan. Full date.

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MARCH 25, 1988

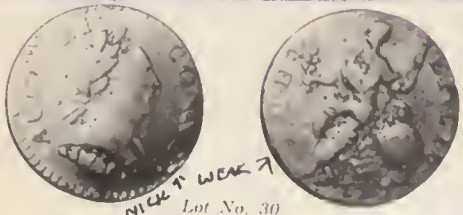
2499 1787 Connecticut. M 1.3-1. F-12. Rarity-6. 131.9 grains. 27.8mm. 155. Dark brown, very porous. Full reverse INDE, which letters are usually faint and indistinct (see Taylor: 2396, for example) $275

Purchased from New Netherlands Coin Company on April 23, 1955, possibly from their 45th sale.

NORWEB

HIGH GRADE 1787 MILLER 1.3-L

SEE COLOR PHOTO



STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988

NICK & WEAK

Lot No. 30

PICK AUGUST

BIT DARK FAIR F/VF

30 **1787 Mailed Bust Right.** Miller 1.3-L. Perfectly smooth planchet, medium brown. One tiny rim nick. **Very Fine.** $632.50

1.3-L

EX. EAC'75 SALE LOT # 335

213 PINE TREE "GREEN III", JUNE 19, 1978
1787 Mailed Bust Right M.1.3-L. (R-7) Some details Fine, others weaker; some details obscured by roughness; overall Very Good. Less than 9 specimens known, all in low grades. ($50-60)
$70-

18 PINE TREE "FUN 177" JAN 8, 1977
1787. Mailed Bust Right. M.1.3-L. (R-7) Some details Fine, others weaker; some details obscured by roughness; overall Very Good. Less than 9 specimens known, all in low grades.

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.1.3-L
VERY FINE, DARK
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION #1781
NO INK ON EDGE
SEE COLOR PHOTO

BOWER'S RCR #14 APRIL, 1972
1787 Mailed bust right. 1.3-L (R-4). With six-pointed star cameo on breastplate. For some reason, the mailed bust right type is omitted from the *Guidebook*. A rare design type. Abt. Fine 119.00

SAME COIN?

1787 Mailed bust right. 1.3-L (R-4). With six-pointed star "cameo" on breastplate. Abt. Fine, rare in all grades – especially higher ones RCR #12, SEPT, 1971 ..... 295.00

RARE COIN REVIEW #30 1978
1787 Mailed bust right. 1.3-L (R-4). Good-4 RCR #30 1979 59.00

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1987)

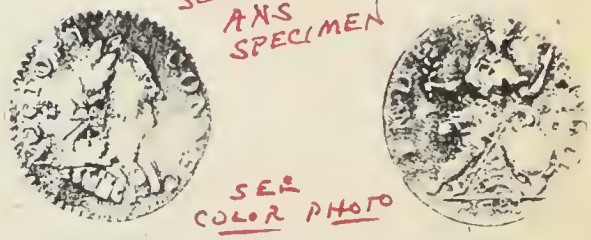
II. MORRISTOWN (N.J.) MINT, 1787–88

Designer, Engraver, Walter Mould and Benjamin Dudley. Mint, Morristown. Mintmark, star in base of cuirass. Physical Specifications, as before, mostly struck at 60 to the lb.

Grade range and standards, as above.

766 1787 Mailed bust r., "horseshoe" U's. Ex. rare. M. 1.3-L. Discovered by Dr. Edward Maris. Crosby, p. 215. Same punches as Mould's coarser dies for New Jersey coppers, 937–40. Rev. fails at E. and IN. 102.6 grs. = 6.648 gms., possibly for 68 or 70 to the lb.

SEE AXS SPECIMEN



SEE COLOR PHOTO

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1.3-L	1787	VG/F-	R7	Striations and a few scratches
1.3-L	1787	F-	R7	Pitts obverse.
1.3-L	1787	VG/VG	R7	Cutter mks. & 50% Both

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985
9) 1787 M.1.3-L Details of Very Fine. Dark brown, lightly porous surfaces. (Early state?) *
SEE BREEN PLATE SEE COLOR PHOTO

1787 M 1.3-L:

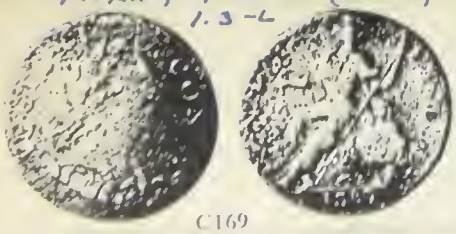
C.N. JULY, 1982 P. 789
PLANCHET CUTTER MARK

Connecticut
1.3-L of 1787

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976
43 35- 1787 Medium Bust Right M #1.3–L (R–7) Another unlisted type coin. ALMOST GOOD–3 with the reverse details better. Dark surfaces.

HENRY C. MILLER SALE' MAY 26-29, 1920
1861 1787. Head r, no punctuation. Rx. Liberty to l INDE. ET.LIB. VG. Crosby 1 (3)-L. Rarity 4. 110

TAXAY PLATE (1976)
1.3-L



BARNSLEY SPECIMEN

1.3-L

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Figure 12: 1787 Medium Bust Left, Miller 1.3-L, from the Morristown mint with dies engraved by Walter Mould. Note the broad, horse shoe shaped "U". Illustrated specimen weighs 102.4 grains.

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST OCT, 1979

38 1787 Miller-1.3-L. (R-7). Medium Bust Right. Fine, choice light brown planchet. An extremely rare type for only..... T.D.R. MARION 325.00

WHT. 122.9 GRAINS CONDITION CENSUS $275—

SEE ENLARGED PHOTO

1787 M.1.3-L GOOD OVERALL. UNEVENLY STRUCK.
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION

MIKE RINGO LIST, NOV, 1983

1787 Mailed Bust Right, M.1.3-L. Smooth Fair to About Good with no damage. A rare variety (rated R-7 by Breen); full date and most of legends readable..... 35.00

1.3-L

VERY RARE 1787 M.1.3-L

STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST DEC, 1989

C138

C138 1787 Miller 1.3-L (R-6). 92.7 grains. An irregularly struck coin with INDE gone though the rest of the reverse devices are visible and the date is complete. The obverse is sharp at the armor and adjacent EC, and again at the upper wreath and adjacent RI; the head is outlined. Medium brown, a couple of nicks. Fair or better. 275.00

1787 1C Connecticut – Mailed Bust Right PCGS VF20 – One of the very finest of this rare Red Book variety. An equal to the Ford specimen which sold for $21,850 in 2005.....$19,675.00

1787 1.3-L

Donald H. Kagin, PhD
Pioneer Gold

David J. McCarthy
Colonials, U.S. Type, Patterns

Meredith J. Hilton
U.S. Currency

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PCGS PNG NGC

1787 M.1.3-L GOOD. ROUGH.
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION

1787 1.3-L GOOD/VERY GOOD.
BOB LOMPREY JR. COLLECTION, WISCONSIN.

1.3-L

1787 M.1.3-L ABOUT FINE. WHT 117.9 GRAINS
DAVID MENCHELL COLLECTION VIA ROBERT MARTIN NOV 25,1987
OBVERSE (VLACK PLATE COIN 1965)

SEE VLACK PLATE (1965) OBV. ONLY

1787 M.1.3-L WHT 122.9 GRAINS FINE. SEE SMALL COLOR PHOTO
ROBERT MARTIN COLLECTION VIA DAVID SONDERMAN LIST OCT,1979

1.3-L

1.3-L; Hall #1781; Brand to Johnson 5/17/35; no ink on edge; no weight

ERIC P.NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.1.3-L
VERY FINE, DARK
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION #1781
NO INK ON EDGE

Dick August Collection Nov 21,1998.
1787 1.3-L Fine/Very Fine(15/20). Dark Brown.
Ex. Stack's Sale April 27,1988 Lot#30 (Plate).

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN 1985

ANS Collection
Connecticut Copper

9) 1787 M.1.3-L Details of Very Fine. Dark brown, lightly porous surfaces. (Early state?) *

SEE BREEN PLATE

COUNTERFEIT HALFPENCE BY WYLLYS BETTS 1886

1.4-WW

No. 1.—CONNECTICUT CENT.

Goddess facing the right.

Discovered by Lyman H. Low
See page 9

ET LIB. INDE. 1787.

Miller 1.4-WW of 1787

TAXAY PLATE

C171

NEWMAN COLL.

C171. 1787 Copper 1.4-WW
2 known
Medium mailed bust r. Rev. Female figure seated to r., ET LIB INDE. 1) Norweb; 2) Newman.

The same head with the same treatment of hair exists in the Vermont cent, with reverse ET LIB INDE; and a precisely similar treatment of hair exists in the Connecticut cent of 1786, with large mailed bust to right and legend AUCTORI : CONNEC : This latter is again connected by identity of letter punches with the ET LIB INDE cent of 1787, with goddess facing the *right*, recently discovered by Mr. Lyman H. Low, and a cut of which is at the head of this article (No. 1). In like manner it is connected with the two ET LIB INDE Connecticut cents of 1786, and with another cent with the same obverse, of the same date, but with the legend INDE ET LIB. The latter being of *full weight*, will perhaps put at rest Mr. Crosby's charge that these cents are counterfeits.

Ryder 18 (Bressett 19-X) — DISCOVERED BY LYMAN LOW IN 1884

Miller 3-D of 1786 — ILLUSTRATED BY WYLLYS C. BETTS IN 1886 (BETTS 1)

Miller 1.4-WW of 1787 — SOLD IN L. LOW SALE NO. 39 COL. WALTON CUTTING COLL. MAY 23, 24, 1898 LOT #141 TO THE CHAPMAN BROS. AT $16 — LATER TO THE DR. THOMAS HALL COLLECTION

Miller 1-A of 1786 and 2.1-A of 1786 — TO ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION

— ILLUSTRATED IN TAXAY

Crosby p. 214 — ILLUSTRATES IN BREEN'S

NOTE & NOTE SMALLER 'C' PUNCH (BETTS)

1787 Obverse-1-4

Head to right

AUCTORI CONNEC

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6, low. Head outlined & to left of center, Lowest position of mail near milling. Similar workmanship to 1-1 Vermont 6, broken A &c. Probably the work of Altee. Should be eventually changed to 1-2 & 1-2 to 1-4 to bring these pieces properly into line

1-4

Combination 1-4/YYYY

For Rev. YY W See Page 189.

See "Counterfeit Half Pence" Wyllis Betts. N.Y. 1886.

141 1787 AUCTORI CONNEC Mailed bust *r.* ℞ ET LIB INDE Female setd on globe, *right*, holds staff surmounted with Liberty cap in *r.* hand, branch in *l.* Inferior work. Good. 1

I found this piece in a lot from a public sale about 1884; shortly after, it became the property of Col. Cutting. Mr. Wyllys Betts gave it the first notice, and illustrated it in a pamphlet published in 1886. No other specimen, to my knowledge, is known.

Cutting Sale (Col. Walton Cutting Pittsfield Mass) May 23 & 24 1898.

Bought by Chapman Bros for $16. Sold to Dr Hall RRRR.

OVER →

1.4-WW 1787 Reverse W.W.
ET LIB INDE
Liberty reversed. holding staff surmounted by Liberty-cap in right hand, branch in left.

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Continuation 1-4 WW.

For Obverse - 1-4 see page 62.

See counterfeit Halfpence. by Wyllys Betts. N York 1886
Illustration No. 1 & page 9.

Legendary 1787 M 1.4-WW

Finest of Two Known — **Liberty Seated Right**
First Auction Appearance In Over a Century — **The Only Such Appearance in the Series**

NICE FOR THE GRADE
NORWEB

$30,800
BOWER'S 'NORWEB II' SALE MARCH 25, 1988

DON PARTRICK

2500 **1787 Connecticut. M 1.4-WW. Very Fine. Rarity-8, two known, the finest of the two.** 127.1 grains. 30.2mm, broad flan. 195°. The only appearance of these dies. Known to Miller (1920) only through Dr. Hall's notes. A distinct type in the Connecticut copper series, with the figure of **figure seated right** as on the Nova Eboracs and the Non Vi Virtute Vici coppers, but no others!

Struck on a broad flan, with full denticulation showing. Trivial planchet roughness, now appearing glossy brown. Both dies severely buckled in their centers, obscuring most of the effigy's face and parts of the goddess' midsection. This probably accounts for the rarity of the variety, as presumably the dies failed very early on. Full obverse and reverse legends. The seated figure, cap on pole, and globe are done in the style of the M 1.1 and M 1.2 dies of 1787. Spindly, half hearted rendition of the olive branch.

Unpedigreed earlier than its sale by New Netherlands Coin Company on November 20, 1957 to Mrs. Norweb. Said to have come from a New England accumulation. Two known, this and Eric P. Newman's specimen (the Taxay plate coin), 85.5 grains. Newman's specimen is the Betts-Lyman Low/Colonel Cutting (May 1898) coin. A line drawing of it appeared in Betts' monograph (1886) on counterfeit halfpennies. The Newman coin also was struck from buckled dies. The 1.4-WW listed in Chuck Funk's "Connecticut State Coppers in the Connecticut State Library Museum Collection," *Pennywise* (September 1986) did not bear an accession or museum identification number and according to the present curator is not in the collection.

We note that Dr. Hall felt the dies were Atlee's work.

It is impossible to know how long one will have to wait before the reappearance of this major rarity in another auction opportunity. This specimen has been off the market for 30 years, and before that was unknown to the collecting public. The only other specimen known, Eric P. Newman's, is unlikely to become available to collectors. The sale of the Norweb specimen will set a new auction record for a Connecticut copper.

Purchased privately from New Netherlands Coin Company on November 20, 1957.

1.4-WW

1.4-WW; Hall #1782; no ink on edge; edges hammered; Brand to Johnson 5/17/35; $.75 cost; 86.4 gr

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1987)

IV. MACHIN'S MILLS, Newburgh, N.Y.
July 1787–July 1789?

See also Issues of 1788 for additional mulings.
Shields blank except as noted.

I. Mailed Busts R.

784 1787 Figure seated r., ETLIB INDE 2 known.
M. 1.4-WW. Discovered by Lyman Low ca. 1884. Ill. Betts {1886}, fig. 1. 1) Low, Col. Walter Cutting (1886), Low 5/23–24/1898:141, $16, S. H. & H. Chapman, Dr. Hall, Brand, B. G. Johnson, Eric P. Newman. 2) Mrs. R. Henry Norweb.

BREEN PLATE

ALSO SEE TAXAY PLATE

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.1.4-WW
FINE
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION

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EX. NORWEB – PARTRICK →

Figure 24: The excessively rare (two known) 1787 Medium Head Right, Miller 1.4-WW, also engraved by James F. Atlee and minted at Machin's Mills. The almost indistinguishable central effigy is probably the result of poor die work.

1.4-WW

2-B

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

92* 1787. M. 2-B. R-3, possibly nearer to R-4. No punctuation either side, no ornaments. **Very Fine**, struck on a thick flan with far fewer defects than usual—one lamination on cheek, small crack at bottom, barely missing 8 of date. Patinated light to medium reddish brown. **Exceptional condition for this undervalued type probably of Condition Census level, better than any auctioned in decades**, possibly very slightly exceeded by one in the Bowers list called "EF, weak at top," though we have not heard of any distinctly better one. $70 — **(Photo) ($100.–up)**

*Bids accepted by mail only.

EAC'75

92

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
1787 2-B #9468 HALL-SHUMWAY, 1919.
"DOUBLE STRUCK" VERY GOOD/FINE.

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.2-B
FINE

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1977

OK COLOR & SURFACES OK FINE

TAYLOR

2397 1787 Connecticut. M 2-B. Mailed Bust Left. 135.9 grains. Rarity-3. F-15. Struck slightly off center on both surfaces, from quite heavily clashed dies, with resultant incusations noticeable primarily on the obverse. Deep golden brown, with some lighter areas here and there. Nearly as sharp as the Pine Tree/E.A.C. specimen. $82.50

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

967 1787 M.2-B. MBL. Rarity 3. Very Fine. 151.8 gns. Olive brown. Surfaces somewhat granular, corrosion products right obverse rim. Reverse nicks. Reverse slightly off center. Planchet cutter clip obverse at 4:00. Perfect die states. BIT TOO DARK 90 60 150 198.00

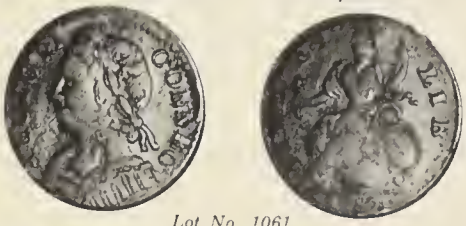
→ From Pine Tree's Breen III sale, June 19, 1978, lot 214. AT $75.00 TO R. MARTIN — M. RINGO — VERMONT COLLECTOR

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6518 1787 Connecticut copper. M 2-B. VF-20. Rarity-3. 127.8 grains. Die alignment 360°, perfect medal turn. Very faintly off center, with the obverse edge at the tops of CTORI. Chocolate brown, faintly granular surfaces with golden highlights on the central design details. From heavily clashed dies, with resultant incusations noticeable primarily on the obverse. Visually finer, and with sharper details than Taylor 2397, nearly as sharp as Pine Tree/EAC 92. Obverse and reverse legends without punctuation or ornaments. A lovely example of this popular issue. 209.00 POSSIBLY, HIM, INC 7/31/83 #572

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL." SEPT 9, 1988

JUST FAIR FINE



Lot No. 1061

OECHSNER

1061 1787 Miller 2-B. Mailed bust left. 169.7 grains. **Very Fine**, a scuff on the neck and some planchet defects on the upper reverse. Medium to deep brown toning, full date and legends. Struck on a thick planchet. $132–

R. MARTIN — M. RINGO 4/12/86

PINE TREE "GENA'76 SALE" OCT 1, 1976

2 1787. M. 2-B (R-3, nearly R-4). **Strong VF.** Of better sharpness than our E.A.C. coin which we said then was Condition Census level. Usual central weakness of Rev. strike. Planchet lightly clipped opposite E of CONNEC., but this is the only flaw and it is minor in comparison with the normally found defects on these flans. See 1975 E.A.C. lot 92. 35.00 152 GR. 35–

PINE TREE "BREEN III, JUNE 19, 1978

214 1787 Mailed Bust Left 2-B (R-3 nearly R-4). **Strong VF.** Of better sharpness than our E.A.C. coin which we said then was Condition Census level. Usual central weakness of Rev. strike. Planchet lightly clipped opposite E of CONNEC, but this is the only flaw and it is minor in comparison with the normally found defects on these flans. See 1975 E.A.C. lot 92. **($75-100)** $75– SEE STACK'S SALE 9/9/93 LOT # 967 AT $198.00

HIM, INC SALE, JULY 31, 1983

?

572 1787. M 2-B (R-3) Fine + (Photo) $40 — Light pores, well centered, quality for the grade. $40 —

L. MERKIN SALE' FEB 12, 1972

14 — 1787 Mailed bust l. No punctuation. M.2-B. Where struck up, this rates **Very Fine**, but elsewhere weak—date not readable. Off center in K-11, tops TORI off flan. Rare grade.

HARMER ROOKE MILLION SALE PART I NOV 17, 1969

128 **Connecticut.** Copper or 'cent.' 1787. Mailed bust l. Miller 2-B (scarce), without punctuation. Very Good, unevenly struck on a defective planchet. Rev. rotated 90° from normal. Rare.

2-B

STACK'S "R. PICKER" SALE OCT 24, 1984 PICKER

172 1787 Mailed Bust Left. Miller 2-B. 135.4 grains. An unusual "tab" double strike, with an extra piece of metal extending from the bottom of the coin. On the reverse, this tab displays the word ET and the branch in the reverse figure's hand. The remainder of the coin is off-center to the top, but the full date shows up. Olive green patina. A variety very rare in mint error form. Fine. $137.50

KAGIN'S "VAN CLEAVE SALE" JAN 30, 1986

4014 1787 Connecticut Cent, Freak strike. A "tab" freak double strike, the tab being struck on both sides, with ET clearly readable. Regular strike is off center, but date is clear. Medium green patina, in nice Fine. Ex. Stack's Picker Collection October 1984 Lot 172. $121

TO R. MARTIN

BOWERS 'CHRIS. SCHENKEL' SALE NOV 14, 1980

220.00

5666 1787 M 2-B. Rarity-3 for die combination. Rarity-6+ for this example. F-12. 135.5 grains. Tab double struck, refer to illustration. Dark olive, striated. ET can be seen on the "tab."
Ex Stack's sale of the Richard Picker Collection, October 1984, Lot 172.

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #14, APR, 1972

1787 Mailed bust left. 2-B (R-3). Abt. Good $6.00; Good $9.00; Extremely Fine, weak at the top. Still an excellent specimen of this usually-weakly-struck variety RCR #14, APR, 1972 . . 69.00

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLL.) 1989

2-B	1	F-F	R3	Dark, planchet clip.
2-B	1787	VG/VG	R3	Edge punch. Triple struck
2-B	1787	F/F-	R3	Edge clip 2:00, upset
2-B	1787	F-/F-	R3	Upset (bookwise) dies.
2-B	1787	F-/F-	R3	
2-B	1787	VG-	R3	
2-B	1787	VG	R3	
2-B	1787	VG+	R3	Planchet defects both sides

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2-B 9468 (dbl strk, 4) GOOD
9418 (15) FINE (15)

ANA MUSEUM, 1989

1787 Copper AG 8.93g 360° Miller 2-B (R3)

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN, 1985

10) 1787 M.2-B Very Fine. Light reddish brown. Dies rotated 180 degrees. White ink attribution. (No Provenance) *

11) 1787 M.2-B Very Fine. Obverse struck 5-10% off center at 7 o'clock affecting tops of "AUC" in AUCTORI. Smooth chocolate brown surfaces and color. Dies rotated 180 degrees

12) 1787 M.2-B Very Fine. Dies rotated 180 degrees. Some planchet roughness at obverse head (caused by rollers); relatively smooth reddish brown. White ink attribution. (No Provenance)

13) 1787 M.2-B Double Struck Dies rotated 180 degrees. First strike normal and centered, second strike approx. 85% off center, resulting in extra leaves and denticles on obverse and extra seated figures head on reverse. Dark reddish brown with planchet roughness at reverse centers. (Henry Grunthal May, 1951)

1787 M 2-B.

BREEN PLATE #776
ANS SPECIMEN #10

ROSA AMERICANA FPL 88 SPRING, 1983

69 1787 Connecticut, Miller 2-B. Rarity-3 128.9 grains. Fine or so, though somewhat erratically struck as usually found on this variety. CONN of CONNEC is weak on the obverse (though visible), while much of the date is gone on the reverse The rest of the legends are complete, and the central details are quite sharp for the grade Absolutely no defects or damage on either side of the coin, in this regard nicer than the specimen that we offered on our last price list at $109. Attractive medium brown color. All in all, a nicer example of this scarce issue than usually found, this variety seems to be quite a bit scarcer than its Rarity-3 rating would lead you to believe. $79

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1864 1787. Head l. AUCTORI CONNEC. No punctuation on Rx. C. 2-B. Rarity 4. VG. 8.00

2104 1787. ~~O. 1 (1) A.~~; also 2--B. (2). G. 3 pcs. 12

2-B

NEW NETHERLANDS 59TH SALE JUNE 13-15, 1967

382 1787. Mailed Bust left. M. 2-B (R-3). Good to Very Good. Plus, ~~1787 Horned Bust variety (3), M. 4-L (common); Very Good, rough; close to Very Good, but hammered down around the edges; and Poor, flattened out~~. 4 Pcs. 8 -

The Miller 2-B is struck on a thick planchet!

HARMER ROOKE 'MILLION DOLLAR SALE' NOV 17, 1969

128 **Connecticut.** Copper or 'cent.' 1787. Mailed bust l. Miller 2-B (scarce), without punctuation. Very Good, unevenly struck on a defective planchet. Rev. rotated 90° from normal. Rare.

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

44 50- 1787 Mailed Bust Left M #2-B (R-3) ALMOST GOOD-3; ~~Mailed Bust Left M #6.1-M (R-1) FINE-12, light reverse scratches~~. (Lot of 2 pieces).

SEE "McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C4 GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995 LOT # 32 (PLATE)

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

2501 Group of pieces: 1787 Connecticut. M 2-B. VF-20. Rarity-3. 142.5 grains. 28.1mm. 20°. Usual incusations from clash marks. Die states as Taylor: 2397; 1 OF 10 PIECES NORWEB

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

LOT # 2398 M 2-B. 164.8 grains. Rarity-3. VG-8, dark golden brown, obverse off center; 1 OF 7 PIECES TAYLOR

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1987)

776 1787 No punctuation or ornaments. M. 2-B. Rev. reappears in 790.

ANS SPECIMEN BREEN PLATE

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

1166 1787 Connecticut copper. M 2-B. Mailed Bust Left. 142.7 grains. Rarity-3. F-12. Dark golden brown, with traces of olive and reddish reverse toning. Both sides flawed, not unusual on this variety. Die states earlier than Taylor:2397, before the dies had clashed severely; no incusations visible on either side. In terms of sharpness, equal to the Taylor coin. BIT TOO DARK 877-

Ex S.H. & H. Chapman sale, July 7, 1903, Lot 373, to Hillyer Ryder. Ryder's envelope and ticket accompany this lot. Called "Very Good" by Ryder.

Ryder's ticket further describes this piece as follows "Bust Left, only die without punctuation. Planchet defective"

DANA LINETT LIST, JUNE, 1982

2-B, R-4, Extremely Fine, ? CONDITION CENSUS, Mailed Bust Left. ..... 495.

MIKE RINGO LIST, MAY, 1986

5. 1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.2-B. Fine, struck 10% off center with a "tab" double strike at 6 o'clock on the obverse. Not a particularly dramatic error, but interesting none the less..... 100.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST # 42 MARCH 1, 1986

14. 1787 Miller 2-B. Very Fine-20, R-3. Very nice strike, but an area of porosity on the obverse. Nice color and superb reverse. Ex. Breen III Sale, Pine Tree Auctions, June 1978. Mailed Bust Left. $145

65-70

STACK'S SALE FEB 1-2, 1980

496 ~~CONNECTICUT. 1786 Cent. Miller 1-A. The rare ET LIB INDE reverse. Fine;~~ 1787 Cent. Miller 2-B. Mailed bust left. Good; ~~MASSACHUSETTS. 1787 Cent. Ryder 4-C. Very Good.~~ 3 pieces.

ROSA AMERICANA LIST # 7 AUTUMN, 1992

59. 1787 Connecticut, Miller 2-B. Rarity-3. 136.1 grains. Fine or slightly better, with full legends and date on either side [quite unusual for the variety]. There are a number of small ancient scratches at the centers of both sides of the piece, somewhat detracting but not horribly so. Much scarcer than its rarity rating would suggest, this is the first example that we've had in stock in four years! This variety will be in demand by the specialist!.....$109

ROSA AMERICANA LIST # 7 AUTUMN, 1992

60. 1787 Connecticut, Miller 2-B, another. 102.4 grains. Very Good. Typical erratic strike for the variety, with about a third of the legends either weak or off the planchet. Medium brown, slightly rough surfaces. Since we wrote the above description we actually picked up another example of this issue! While not as nice as the above piece, this one is certainly no worse than what the variety usually looks like!.....$79

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

1787 Miller 2-B

Condition Census

FAIR VF/XF BUT TOO DARK

2631 302 **1787 M 2-B.** Mailed Bust Left. R-3. 139.2 gns. **Extremely Fine** for technical grade and thus **Condition Census** for the variety. Deep olive brown. Struck from the clashed states of both dies, with consequent heavy obverse surface roughness. Reverse surface smoother and harder in appearance. Reverse edge scrape at 5 o'clock. Technically finer than Taylor:2397 8, Norweb:2501, Oechsner:1061, the ANS and ANA specimens, and examples seen in six private collections. Reverse struck medal turn, as usual.

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

HESSBERG OBV. VG REV. VERY WEAK ABT. GOOD

Lot No. 1371

247 50

1371 **1787 Miller 2-B.** 121 grains. Mailed bust left, amazing double strike with two bold profiles several millimeters apart, two heads on Liberty. Deep glossy brown. Fine.

2-B

STACK'S "MASS. HIST. SOC. SALE OCT 23, 1970

129 1787 Miller 2-B ~~and 33.7-r.2.~~ Good to Very Good. The first the Mailed bus facing left. Rarity 3. Evenly worn with a few minor digs. The dies are in set and show indications of clashing.
1600

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2118 **1787 M.2-B. MBL. Technical Very Fine.** Rarity 3. 162.0 grains. Usual medal turn reverse orientation. Dark brown obverse, olive reverse. Obverse surface rough, reverse lightly granular. From the heavily clashed states of both dies, CT gone, incused ET over effigy's head and O beside first E visible. JIM GOUDGE
30 150 165

SEE COLOR PHOTO

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

968 **1787 M.2-B. MBL.** Another. Strong Fine. 144.6 gns. Dark orange brown in color. Both surfaces quite granular. Very minor rim nicks both sides. Small planchet cutter clip reverse at 9:00. "2-B" painted in yellowed white on left obverse field. From the **Hall Collection.** From the unclashed states of the dies. DECENT FINE R. MARTIN
65 180 198

Originally from the Dr. Thomas Hall Collection, purchased from Charles Steigerwalt in December, 1895; thence, to Hillyer Ryder, F.C.C. Boyd. Round white card with "circle H" accompanies this lot. The reverse of the ticket annotated "Best obt[ai]n[ed] Chap[man] Dec[ember 18]95 Others from Dr Hall."

COIN GALLERIES MAIL BID SALE NOV 10, 1993

1958 **1787 Connecticut copper.** M.2-B. Rarity 3. Very Fine, dark olive, reverse off-center, very minor granularity.
140

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES SALE JULY 13, 1992

6865 ~~Connecticut copper duo: ☆ 1785 Miller I.E. Mailed Bust Right VG-8/G-4 Rarity-5 139.6 grains Ex Dr Hall Collection, with attribution number painted in left obverse field. Lightly granular surfaces with some small fissures mentioned for accuracy~~ ☆ 1787 M.2-B. Mailed Bust Left. VG-8. Rarity-3. 136.6 grains. Moderately heavy obverse and reverse scratches. (Total 2 pieces) 893.50

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

132 **1787 Connecticut coppers,** all MBL and with Miller attribution numbers painted in a fine hand on obverse. **M.2-B.** R-3. Very Good/Good, reverse heavily flawed. 104.3 gns; ~~**M.3-G.1. R-6** (underrated, possibly really R-7). Very Good, some areas sharpness of Fine. Olive green, somewhat oval flan, slightly bent. Nicer than several others seen; **M.8-O.** R-3. Rough Very Good to Fine, heavy reverse edge dent. 138.7 gns; **M.9-D.** R-5 (underrated, probably really R-6). Very Good/Fine, dark olive. 114.0 gns. Obverse rim flawed.~~ 4 pieces.
180 475 325

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2119 **1787 M.2-B. MBL. Fine.** Rarity 3. 163.3 grains. Dark mottled brown. Surfaces generally hard. Obverse rim dent at 3 o'clock; reverse rim irregular in places. About average grade for the variety. Die states as Taylor:2397, off-center on obverse similarly. Usual medal turn reverse orientation.
35 35 38

COIN GALLERIES 'PERKINS DUPS' APRIL 14, 1993

1976 **Starter set of 1787 Mailed Bust Right varieties,** with some duplicates. Grades range from About Good to Fine, with most being Very Good to Fine. Usual planchet qualities for these grades. Most varying shades of brown. **M.2-B.** Rarity 3; ~~**M.4-L.** Rarity 1. Full "Horn" break; **another.** No "Horn" break; **M.6.1-M.** "Laughing Head". Rarity 1; **M.6.2-M.** "Second Laughing Head". Rarity 3; **M.9-R.** "1787/8 Overdate". **Rarity 6; another; a third; M.11.2-K.** Rarity 3; **another; M.13-D.** Rarity 4; **another; M.14-H.** Pheons at Date. Rarity 4; **M.15-F.** CONNECT. Rarity 4. The last of the 1787 MBR varieties until Miller~~ 52. **14** pieces.
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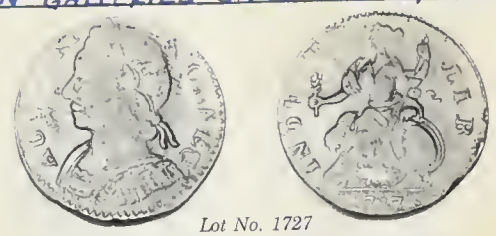
The first, ex H. Melnick Sale (November 4, 1983, part of lot 26). The fifth, ex our February 12, 1986 Sale, lot 1292.

COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 16, 1994



Lot No. 1727

1727 **1787 Connecticut copper.** Miller 2-B (Rarity 3). Mailed Bust Left. 139.2 gns. **Extremely Fine** for technical grade and thus **Condition Census** for the variety. Deep olive brown. Struck from the clashed states of both dies, with consequent heavy obverse surface roughness. Reverse surface smoother and harder in appearance. Reverse edge scrape at 5 o'clock. Reverse struck medal turn, as usual.
198

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPLM 9 SUMMER, 1994

121 1787 Connecticut, Miller 2-B, another. 104.3 grains. Very Good/Good, a grade more typical for the variety. Nearly full legends and date, some letters quite weak but generally discernable. Medium brown planchet, the obverse quite clean but the reverse with two laminations at the center and the lower parts. PAINTED DIE VARIETY on the obverse in a fine hand that would have been unquestionably called Miller's a few years ago [though now thought to be Canfield's], the PDV interesting in that on the left side of the bust is 2/B/87 and the right side has a large "D"—this is one of the few times that we've seen the year of the coin painted on the obverse; the D must indicate that the piece was a duplicate in whatever early 20th century collection it was originally part of. Still pleasing for the grade and certainly inexpensive at only.....$49

2-B

STACK'S AUCTION SALE, SEPT 8, 1993

968 1787 M.2-B. MBL. Another. Strong Fine. 144.6 gns. Dark orange brown in color. Both surfaces quite granular. Very minor rim nicks both sides. Small planchet cutter clip reverse at 9:00. "2-B" painted in yellowed white on left obverse field. From the Hall Collection. From the unclashed states of the dies. R. MARTIN

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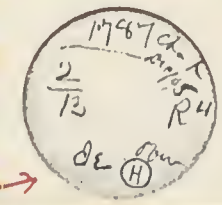
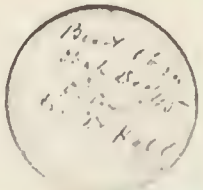




STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

49 1787 M.2-B. MBL. R-3. Very Good-Fine, some areas of about Very Fine sharpness. 144.1 gns. Olive brown, some light surface pitting, Hall attribution number painted on obverse; ~~M.4-L. MBL. R-1. Choice Very Fine, a nice example in the perfect obverse state, without "horn." 134.4 gns. Olive and golden brown on a slightly oval planchet; M.11.1-E. MBL. R-2. Rough strong Fine, gray brown. 144.4 gns. Slightly off center to the left. Hall attribution number painted on obverse.~~ 3 pieces. JIM GOUDGE

~~The last with annotated round card ticket with circle H, ex Steigerwalt November, 1891~~

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

116 1787 Connecticut, Miller 2-B. Rarity-3. 103.1 grains. Very Good or so, a typical grade for the variety. About two-thirds of the legends are visible on either side, the date long since departed to number heaven. Medium brown, slightly rough surfaces, though with no nicks or scratches. Although rated only an R-3, the variety just doesn't turn up with any sort of frequency and may actually prove to be a little bit higher in the rarity department. It's also inexpensive at only.....$39

SEE STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993 LOT #967 AT $198.00

CONDITION CENSUS EXAMPLE?
1787 Miller 2-B

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #9 SUMMER, 1994

120 1787 Connecticut, Miller 2-B. Rarity-3. 151.8 grains. Extremely Fine and quite boldly struck for an issue that is often found weak. Full, sharp legends and date as well as every bit of design detail there is—sharp hair strands and mailed armor on the bust as well as gown and globe lines visible on the reverse. Medium brown planchet, with some light rougness at the lower right obverse and a few insignificant reverse marks, else with the kind of hard surfaces that collectors vie for. A major type in its own right, this variety features a hub with leaves in triplets and a reverse branch that resembles a wheat ear. This is the finest example of the variety to be offered in recent years, the only piece in the same grade being the Picker reference collection coin which was later on a Yesteryear Coins price list, however that coin was rough on the obverse. The present example is much finer than the '75 EAC coin [then thought to be high CC] the Taylor, Oechsner and Perkins coins, as well as being better than either of the two VF's in the ANS collection. We've heard of one in a private collection that grades AU, so while this one isn't the finest known example of the variety, it is certainly high in the Condition Census. It's also an example of this distinct variety that will never have to be upgraded by its next owner.....$259

The present coin is pedigreed to Pine Tree Auction's Breen III sale, June, 1978, lot 214. The original lot ticket from that sale accompanies this lot. EX. PINE TREE "BREEN III" SALE JUNE 19, 1978 LOT #214 AT "75"

2-B

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

45-
115-
126 SB

EX NORWEB #2501

32. M15 1787 CONNECTICUT M.2-B MBL (R-3) VF20 142.5 gns. Very dark olive brown, surfaces rough but nicely reflective. AUCT and INDE both struck up weakly. A few short toned hairlines on the face of the obverse bust. For a common variety the M.2-B is tough to find high grade on light colored copper. Ex-Norweb ~~#2505~~, one of ten coins in a group lot. Reverse rotated 202 degrees. #2501

SEE BOWER'S "NORWEB SALE" MARCH 25, 1988 LOT # 2501 1 OF 10 PIECES.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

55 #271 1787 CONNECTICUT COPPER M.2-B (R-3) VG10 137.9 grains. About Fine. Nice light to medium brown. Some planchet flaws and varied circulation marks. Some very light scuffs in the right reverse field and below the figure. Only A and bottom of U visble on obverse due to planchet flaw. CONNEC strong. INDE is strong, ET is a little weaker, LIB is completely obscured. Last three digits of date clear. Medal turn as usual.

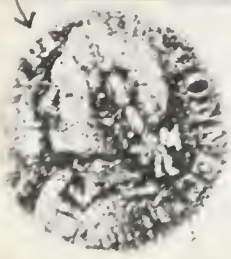
HERITAGE 1997 FUN SALE JAN 9, 1997

5007 1787 Connecticut Copper Fine 15. Bust Facing Left. 8.60 grains. Consigned but unverified as a M. 2-B. Reddish brown colored surfaces with some planchet flaking noted in the obverse fields. Listed on page 42 of the 1997 Guide Book.

1787 M.2-B VERY FINE EX DR HALL COLLECTION. INK ON EDGE.
DAVID MENCHELL COLLECTION VIA ANTHONY TERRANOVA

STEVE HAYDEN FIXED PRICE LIST # 2 OCT, 1996

9 Conn 1787 M.B.L. M. 2-B R3 VG 134.9 grains. Brown relief with dark surfaces. Attribution in white ink in obverse fields. A few insignificant flaws and hairline scratches. 75.00



McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 32 C4 SALE NOV 5, 1997

250. CAN YOU BELIEVE ANOTHER SIX CONNECTICUTS? ~~1786 M.5.5M-MBL (R-3) VG8 111.5 gns. Harshly cleaned. Fire orange and blue tones. Well centered. Strong date. WITH~~ 1787 M.2-B MBL (R-3) VG8 132.0 gns. Planchet flaws, lighly porous. No visible date due to reverse being struck off center.

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

3-G.1

(79) 1787. M. 3-G.1. R-7. Broad-shouldered bust left, period after CONNEC only. Rev. as preceding, but before the die broke. **Many details Very Fine, others more like Fine,** surface matte (light brown with touches of darker patina) but consistent with a grade better than Fine, borders defective as made (nowhere seriously) with a small rim nick on either side. **One of three finest known to us,** in a class with the Crosby and Miller Plate coins, finer than lot ~~845~~ 85, New Netherlands 51st sale; no other auction record. Probably ex Craige. $325 **(Photo) ($225.–300.)**

325

EAC'75

BREEN PLATE 788

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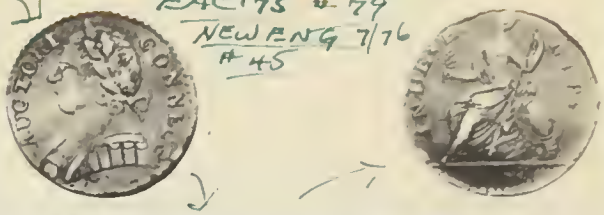
BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1977)

2. Mailed Bust L.; Atlee Rev. Device Punch

(788) 1787 Broad shoulders. Ex. rare.
M. 3-G.1; Crosby, Pl. V, 12. Grapevines on shield.

BREEN PLATE
EAC'75 #79
NEW ENG 7/76
#45



(45) NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976
1787 Mailed Bust Left M #3.G-1 (R-7) VERY FINE-20, edge flaw at 7 o'clock, a few reverse marks and slightly porous. A Machin's Mills rarity, tied for finest known.
80 –

EAC'75

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE FEB 15, 1975 ?

79A **1787. Another. M. 3-G.1, this from an unlisted late die state** accounting for the prompt discard of and extreme rarity of this obv. die: Heavy bulging or buckling at AUCT and field before face, and in field behind head affecting NNEC. Rev. broken through E as in the 52-G.1, though not quite so heavily through upright of E, this break extending through thighs to pole. **Some details Very Fine,** light brown beautifully mottled with "autumn leaves" colors predominantly among the reds; right peripheral areas weaker, many old faint central scratches not affecting colors, rim dent above CO. Struck on an unusually thin planchet, probably from a batch originally intended for imitation halfpence. Crosby-Hall attribution 3 G on obv field. Close match for lot 85, New Netherlands 51st sale, where this die state was first published. Apparently ex Dr. Hall, Brand, Norman Bryant, Bowers (August 1971), Alan Kessler colls. ~~(Photo)~~ **($250.–350.)**

$200–

NEW NETHERLAND'S 36TH SALE JAN 26, 1952

502 **Connecticut Cents.** 1787. Mailed Bust 1. Miller 3-G (Rority 5). Somewhot off center, but Abt. Very Fine, Dork brown. Really rore. Ex. Holl Coll.

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.3-G
VERY FINE, STRIAE
TAN VF, REVERSE STRIAE
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION

Hall #1783; Brand to Johnson 5/17/35;

ink on edge; 110.1 gr

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987
TOO DARK
FAIR

$357.50

TAYLOR

(2399) 1787 Connecticut. M 3-G. Mailed Bust Left. 89.7 grains. Rarity-6. F-15, on a dark and light brown planchet. A few stray handling marks. Struck from a late state of the obverse die, buckled and obscuring UC. Reverse break extends downward from E, through arm, skirt, and reaches the globe. These breaks not described by Miller

Ex F.C.C. Boyd, Breen, New Netherlands 51st, June 1958, Lot 85

NEW NETHERLAND'S 51st SALE JUNE 18, 1958

(85) 1787. Mailed bust left; **dies of** typical **Atlee workmanship** (with letter punches exactly as on many of the 1788 Connecticuts from Machin's Mill). **M. 3-G.** (Newburgh Mint.) Fine plus; dark and l. brown in color, slightly imperfect, but sharp and desirable. Late unpublished die state: Obv. die buckling weakens UC of AUCTORI; Rev. break from E in ET down through forearm into skirt, almost in a straight line. RRR; **R-7,** Sheldon scale. Ex Boyd, Breen. A very seldom offered type coin. **($25.00)**

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The 1787 mailed bust l. Connecticut Cents fall into the following types:
I. Atlee head; 6-painted star after LIB. M. 3-G. RRR. (Newburgh)
II. Laughing Heads. M. 6¹-M, 6²-M. (Morristown, N. J. Mint.)
III. Horned bust. M. 4-L. (Westville, Conn. Mint— as are those below.)
IV. Hercules Head. M. 7-I. RR.
V. Large bust with three ribbons. M. 8-N, 8-O. Scarce.
VI. 1788 bust (leaves in triplets):
a. Regular. M. 2-B, 11¹-E, 11²-K, 11³-K, 13-D.
b. Branch hand divides IN DE, normal date. M. 5-P. RRR.
c. Branch hand divides IN DE, date 1787 over 1877 (!) M. 12-Q. RR.
d. Pheons (arrowheads) in legends. M. 14-H.
e. Crosslets in legends, normal spellings. M. 9-D, 9-E, 10-E. RR.
f. Normal obv. spelling./IND ET LIB. M. 9-R. RRR.
g. CONNECT/INDE. M. 15-F.
h. CONNECT/IND. M. 15-R. RRRR.
I. CONNECT/INDL. M. 15-S. RRR.

3-G.1

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 8, 1988

FAIR
LIGHTLY
GRANULAR
GOOD DETAIL

100-
450-

Lot No. 1062

OECHSNER

1062 1787 Miller 3-G. Mailed bust left. (R-6). 101.8 grains. **Very Fine,** but porous surfaces. Light greenish tan with touches of iridescence. Full date and legends.
$495-

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW NO# 37 APRIL, 1981

1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 3-G.1 (R-7). Mailed bust left, reverse legend punctuated with stars. VG overall, charcoal patina, weak at LIB. No defects and a decent example of this rarity. Struck by Machin's Mills on a very thin planchet (intended for a counterfeit British halfpenny?). A coin for the specialist. 395.00

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APR, 1972

1787 Mailed bust left. 3-G.1 (R-5). Fine R.C.R. #14 APR, 1972. 110.00

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3-G.1	1787	VG-/VG+	R7	Dark, scratches both sides
3-G.1	1787	VG-	R7	Bent, pitted.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN, 1985

14) 1787 M.3-G.1 Very Good/Fine (10). Weakness at "UCT" in AUCTORI caused by die swelling. A few thin cracks in flan on reverse. Dark brown fields with devices and legends highlighted in tan. *

SEE COLOR PHOTO

3-G.1

ANS Collection
Connecticut Coppers

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

73 1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 3-G.1. Mailed Bust Left. Rarity 6. 87.9 grains. Fine or better, struck on a dark and evenly rough planchet, as are most known examples. Equal to the Taylor (at $357.50) and Oechsner (at $495) coins; no finer specimen has been auctioned in recent years.....$350

A very rare variety; we can trace less than ten specimens appearing at auction since 1920, including the Miller coin, which was holed.

This variety is always found on lightweight planchets that weigh in at around 90 grains. This weight, about 40% lighter than the authorized standard, suggests that this issue was struck at a date closer to 1789, just prior to the Coppers Panic of that year.

DAVID SCHWEERMAN LIST OCT 1979

39 1787 Miller 3-G.1 (R-7) Very Fine, tiny edge file mark. Rare 495.00

R. HUGHES LIST OCT, 1980

1787 M-3-G Fine 125.00

3-G.1

SERIAL NO. 88 J. ROCK

DESIGNATION CHANGES:

3-G - - - -> Should be changed to 3-G.1 due to the discovery of Reverse G.2 -52-

1787 M.3-G.1 Ckoice Fine/Very Fine. Smooth Light Brown. Jim Goudge Collection Via Jeff Rock 1988. AMONG FINEST

MILLER 3—G PLATE

HENRY C. MILLER SALE' MAY 26-29, 1920

1865 1787. C. 3-G. Head l. : after CONNEC. Rx. Liberty l. INDE. ET LIB. (Asterisks), date large. C. 3-G. Rarity 5. Good. 225

2107 1787. C. 3—G. R. 5, holed; also 8—O., last G. & VG. 3 pcs. .16

CROSBY PLATE (1875) 3-G.1

WHT. 98.0 GR. WHT. 98.0 GRAINS

1787 M.3-G.I Late die state. Very Good Overall. Heavy buckling on obverse affecting profile. Some light planchet striae, mostly on reverse. Smooth mottled light brown. ROBERT MARTIN COLLECTION TO DAVID MENCHELL 6-1-88

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Figure 18: 1787 Large Head Left with Broad Shoulders, Miller 3-G.1, minted at Machin's Mill, dies by James F. Atlee. Illustrated specimen weighs 101.1 grains.

DICK AUGUST LIST, SEPT, 1988

1787 Mailed Bust Lef, 3G, R7, a rare Machins product, VF but very dark and granular, a VG was on a Bowers list years ago for $200 $225

3-G.1

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

132 1787 Connecticut coppers, all MBL and with Miller attribution numbers painted in a fine hand on obverse. ~~M.2-B. R-8. Very Good/Good, reverse heavily flawed. 104.3 gns~~; **M.3-G.1. R-6** (underrated, possibly really R-7). Very Good, some areas sharpness of Fine. Olive green, somewhat oval flan, slightly bent. Nicer than several others seen; ~~**M.8-O.** R-8. Rough Very Good to Fine, heavy reverse edge dent. 138.7 gns; **M.9-D.** R-5 (underrated, probably really R-6). Very Good/Fine, dark olive. 114.9 gns. Obverse rim flawed~~. 4 pieces.

1787 M.3-G.1 HOLED. VERY FINE DETAIL.
MIKE SPENCER COLLECTION,1991 VIA MIKE RINGO

1787 N.3-G.1 HOLED. VERY GOOD, GRANULAR.
MIKE SPENCER COLLECTION,1991 VIA ROBERT MARTIN

3-G.1

1787 M.3-G.1 VERY GOOD OVERALL. LATE DIE STATE. SEVERE BUCKLING.
WHT 98.0 GRAINS
DAVID MENCHELL COLLECTION VIA ROBERT MARTIN JUNE 1, 1988

1787 M.3-G.1 VERY FINE. LIGHTLY GRANULAR
DAVID MENCHELL COLLECTION
EX STACK'S "OECHSNER COLLECTION" SEPT 9,1988 LOT#1062 (PLATE)

3-G.1

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN 1985

14) 1787 M.3-G.1 Very Good/Fine (10). Weakness at "UCT" in AUCTORI caused by die swelling. A few thin cracks in flan on reverse. Dark brown fields with devices and legends high lighted in tan. *

ANS Collection
Connecticut Coppers

3-G.1

BOWERS & RUDDY "TUROFF SALE" OCT 1, 1976
561 1787 Mailed Bust Left. 3-G.1 (R-5). Fine or a bit better. Dark surfaces with tinges of green patina. Exceedingly well struck and on a nice planchet. TO JIM GOUDGE
$25.00

1787 M.3-G.1 FINE
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION
EX BOWERS & RUDDY "TUROFF SALE" OCT 1, 1976 LOT#561 WHT 101 68 GR

1787 M.3-G.1 NICE VERY FINE. HIGH CONDITION CENSUS.
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION VIA JEFF ROCK 1988. WHT 110 68 GR

3 - G.1

1787 M.3-G.1 Wht.103.78 Grains. Very Good. Light Brown.
Extremely late die state. Jim Goudge Collection.11/08/97.

Dick August Collection Nov 21,1998.
1787 3-G.1 Very Fine(20). Porosity center obverse.

4-L

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

MAILED BUST LEFT DESIGN

71 **1787. M. 4–L.. R–1. The famous "Horned Bust,"** in the rare early state with the die flaw still only a small thin crescent well away from bust (possibly low R–6). **Very Fine,** light brown, nicely mottled. Most of the 4–L's in this condition range are from the much commoner die state with the die flaw poined to bust producing the familiar "horn." Does not have Mould's horseshoe-shaped U punch, but established as a Morristown product by die–linkage with 1.3–L as above. About equal in overall quality to lot 148. Merkin, Oct. 1973 sale, at a reasonable $300. **(Photo)** $375 **($250.–300.)**

$375

EAC '75

SEE STACK'S STEINBERG SALE OCT 17, 1989 LOT # 87 AS XF @ 467.50

71

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

72 **1787. Another M. 4–L.,** the usual later die state justifying the name "Horned Bust." **Very Fine,** medium to dark steel, devices highlighted, minutely porous. One old rev. pin scratch, of no importance. Tops of AUCTORI off flan, remainder of legends complete, which is not usually the case, as these generally come on narrower planchets like those used on the 1788 Morristown, N. J. coppers (Maris 66, 67). The marks near OR are clash marks from Ms. Liberty's foot and lower drapery, which we do not recall seeing before; the "horn" is far heavier than usual, suggesting that this is one of the very last die states, made in 1788, probably just before Mould fled the state to avoid debtor's prison. Probably equal to the "EF" Groves coin, lot 353. Ex Kessler collection. ~~**(Photo)**~~ **($225.–300.)**

$85

EAC '75

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

DARK OLIVE GREEN

TAYLOR

2402 **1787 Connecticut. M 4-L. Mailed Bust Left.** The Horned Bust variety. 111.8 grains. R-1. **EF-40,** for overall sharpness, particularly the reverse. Dark olive green verging to black. Microscopic, surface porosity. Sharp reverse detail, folds beneath Liberty's arm, over her right arm, and within the globe of a sort rarely seen even on this common variety. Intermediate to late state of the obverse, the "horn" having grown into the left field and extended to the right to join the effigy's right shoulder.

$198

TAYLOR

2401 **1787 Connecticut. M 4-L. Mailed Bust Left.** The Horned Bust variety. 135.7 grains. R-1. VF-20. Lighter than the preceding, a deep reddish brown. Minute surface porosity on both faces. Intermediate obverse state, the die break here a pronounced cusp beneath the effigy's chin, but not yet reaching to its shoulder.

$88

DARK

TAYLOR

2400 **1787 Connecticut. M 4-L. Mailed Bust Left.** The Horned Bust variety. 123.0 grains. R-1. VF-20. Uniform dark brown. Minute planchet porosity. An early state of the obverse, with just the faintest, tiny, cusplike die break in the fields beneath the effigy's chin.

$99

TOO DARK

STACK'S MASS. HIST. SOC. OCT 23, 1970

130 **1787 Miller 4-L.** Mailed Bust Left. The Horned Bust variety. A very [illegible] Not rare, but a superbly sharp, well struck specimen, and only the [illegible] were seen on only the very high points. Every detail very sharp. The [illegible] break that forms the "horn" is at full length and sharp. A most pleasing light brown with smooth obverse surfaces. **PLATE** $145

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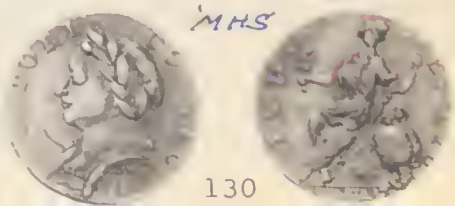

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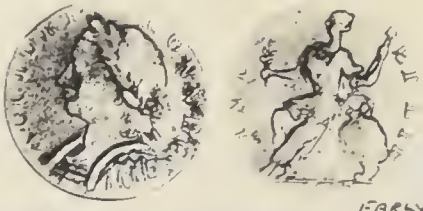


C.230. **1787 Copper.** Mailed Bust left. Horned Bust var., ~~late~~ EARLY state of M 4-L

STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST, DEC, 1989

C139

SEE COIN WORLD PLATE

C139 **1787 Miller 4-L.** The "Horned bust." 135.16 grains. Early die state, before the break began. Well centered, everything on the flan including the date. Deep jade green patina with the relief devices brown violet. **Very Good,** the reverse Fine. 110.00

$77 – BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

3048 Pair of Connecticut coppers: 1787 Miller 4-L. VF-20. Lightly porous planchet. Very early state of the die before any signs of a break; ~~1787 Miller 39.2-cc, VG-8, but with several planchet fissures, and part of left obverse inscription weak~~. (~~Total: 2~~ pieces)

1 OF 2 PIECES

TAYLOR

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

2398 **1787 Connecticut coppers,** including a 4-L die progression series. 4-L. 123.7 grains. Rarity-1. About F-12. Early state, before the development of a full horn, here just a small die dot. Obverse legend imperfectly struck up, reading CONNEC. Obtained from Henry Grunthal in 1946 for 75 cents. 4-L. 132.7 grains. Rarity-1. Nearly F-12. Intermediate stage of the development of the horn, appearing as a somewhat crescent-shaped break before the effigy's neck. 4-L. 101.1 grains. Rarity-1. F-15, holed at the top. The obverse die break is at the same state of development as the one on the preceding specimen; 4-L. 122.6 grains. Rarity-1. F-15, light golden brown. Late state of the horn, here extending into the field beneath C and back across the effigy's right shoulder; 4-L. 125.9 grains. Rarity-1. Sharpness of EF-40, but horn tooled from flan.

5 OF 7 PIECES

TAYLOR

4-L

1787 Connecticut Miller 4-L

BOWERS "GARRETT" SALE OCT 1, 1980

GARRETT

227

1351 1787 Connecticut. Miller 4-L. 137.6 grains. Rarity-3. The *Horned Bust* variety, but the earliest die state without even a trace of the die break (horn). Rarity-3, as stated. Well centered and sharply struck Extremely Fine with all details showing clearly and a full sharp date. There is a tiny, almost imperceptible dig in the field above the branch on the reverse. A lovely dark brown coin.

Obtained by John Work Garrett from the Col. James W. Ellsworth Collection

OPEN $400 — SOLD $750 —

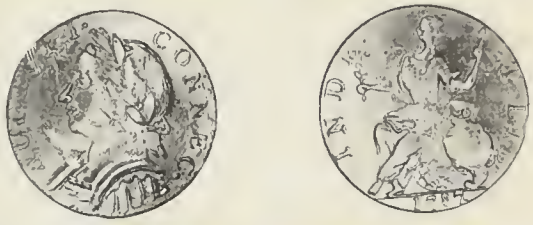
D. LINETT MAIL BID SALE #2 AUG, 1985

227. 1787 MAILED BUST LEFT. Miller 4-L. (R-1). The "Horned Bust" variety. Choice Extremely Fine. Early Die State with the horn not yet visible. Dark brown and very attractive; struck on a slightly oval flan and well-centered with a full date and legends. $800

**Ex Garrett III: 1351, Ellsworth*

D. LINETT MAIL BID SALE #2 AUG, 1985

PROBABLY THE FINEST KNOWN HORNED BUST



228. As above. Miller 4-L. (R-1). Choice Uncirculated. Late Die State with the horn now well formed. Prooflike light golden-brown surfaces show considerable amounts of faded Mint red at the peripheries. Well struck for the variety with the reverse especially so; the date is full and the planchet is perfect except for a tiny flaw below the R in AUCTORI. We would be very surprised to learn that a finer example existed. $2800

PINE TREE "BROWN UNIV." MAY 21, 1976

514

SEE BRESEN PLATE 767

HORNED BUST IN RARE HIGH GRADE AND EARLY DIE STATE

514 **1787. M. 4-L** (R-1). Famous "Horned Bust" variety in rare early die state without the die crack which gives it its name. **About Uncirculated (AU-50),** more than half the surface having a bronze iridescence faded from original mint red. Scattered light and fairly shallow pitting in no way detracts from the fine sharp quality of this specimen. The VF example, lot 71, in our 1975 E. A. C. sale sold for $375. **(Photo)**
$300 —

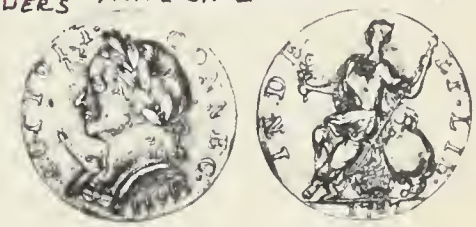
"BROWN UNIV"

515 **1787. M. 4-L.** Another, this one in state III, with the plain "Horned Bust" crack now about a three to four millimeter crescent not yet attached to the bust. **Very Fine overall** though with some details barely that level, as struck. Some scattered very light obv. and rev. pitting, otherwise surfaces a glossy and mostly even brown color.
$60 —

"BROWN UNIV"

516 **1787. M. 4-L.** A third. State VIII, horn shaped crack now about 6mm. long and 3mm. wide at base where connected with bust. **Most details of devices Fine, some VF** (King Conn's shoulder mail, rev. globe). About one third of letters are off flan or weakly struck, date more than half there. Glossy golden brown with darker mottlings.
$25 —

BOWERS "HALL SALE" OCT 26, 1978



23 1787 Connecticut. Miller 4-L. *Horned Bust* variety, a feature caused by a curved diebreak in the obverse field. EF-40, a superb example! $225 —

REMARKABLE 1787 HORNED BUST

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988

Lot No. 31

NICE XF45+ REDDISH BROWN

31 **1787 Horned Bust.** Miller 4-L. Late state of the die where the "horn" shaped break is huge. The coin is really a gem but does have a tiny scratch in the wreath. Even light reddish brown, traces of faded lustre here and there. A wonderful strike. **About Uncirculated.** *(SEE COLOR PLATE)* $687.50

STACK'S "W. RISE SALE" SEPT 30, 1966

590 1787 Horned Bust. Miller 4-L. Even wear, some lettering weak, full date. Fine (20.00) $16 -

4-L

STACK'S "LAIRD U. PARK" MAY 26, 1976

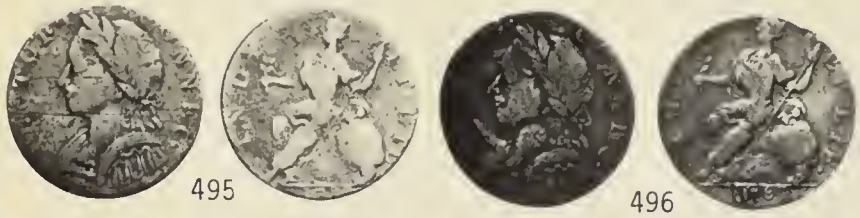
80 1787 Miller 4-L. **The HORNED BUST variety.** Fairly late state of the die with the horn (die break) fully joined to the mail. Very slightly off center, and sharply struck on a slightly porous planchet. A nice medium brown. VERY FINE. $110 —

TWO EXAMPLES OF THE RARE "HORNED BUST"

PINE TREE "ELIZ. MORTON" OCT 16, 1975

495 **1787.** Mailed Bust Left. M.4-L (R-1). The famous "Horned Bust". **Fine,** attractive reddish brown. Two old pin scratches nearly traversing obv., but which blend unnoticeably with the patina. The VF, early die-state, example in our E.A.C. sale, lot 71, brought $375. **(Photo)** **($150.-up)**

496 **1787.** Another M.4-L (**"Horned Bust"**). On this late die state example the plain obv. crescent-shape break is more extended and forms a hornlike projection from the mail. **Fine,** with charcoal gray patination with brownish highlights. **(Photo)** **($150.-up)**



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STACK'S "ROPER COLL" DEC 7, 1983 "JESS PATRICK"

(238) **1787 Mailed Bust Left. Miller 4-L.** 115.5 grains. The popular "Horned Bust" variety, almost in the final die state, with the break fully attached to the bust. There is a thin line on the obverse in front of the bust, no doubt the result of nonhomogeneity in the metal. There is also some trivial planchet granularity in the central obverse portion, but this is only noticeable because of the choice condition of the piece. Tips of AUCTORI and INDE off the planchet. Original mint surface in evidence. **About Uncirculated and choice.** $660 —

200 —
600 —

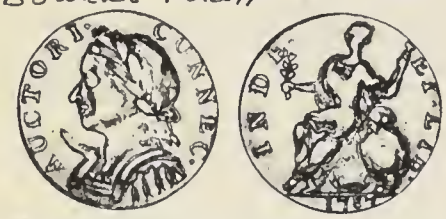
JESS PATRICK

NICE AU55+

ROPER

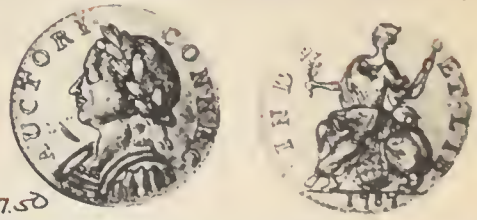
Lot No. 238

BOWER'S "TUROFF SALE" OCT 1, 1976



563 1787 Mailed Bust Left. *Horned Bust* variety. 4-L (R-1). Extremely Fine or better. Pleasing brown surfaces. Perfect planchet. One of the finest known specimens of this popular variety. $130 —

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987



NICE BUT A BIT TOO DARK

$687.50

3047 1787 Connecticut. Miller 4-L. Horned Bust variety. AU-50. Sharply struck and with glossy brown surfaces. An intermediate state of the die, with the "horn," actually a die break, appearing as a cusp or lune in the field in front of the bust. Later, the break develops into a hornlike projection, inspiring the name given to the variety.

SEE ENLARGED PHOTO

$350 —

KAGINS SALE #313 SEPT 29-30, 1978

1643 1787 M. 4-L. (R-1) Famed HORNED BUST. Early die state with crescent away from bust (Rarity 5 in this stage). **ABOUT UNCIRCULATED-50** on glossy chocolate brown surfaces. Perfectly centered on flan with denticles showing over most of coin. This is unusual as most of these coins [illegible] narrower planchets like those used on 1788 Morristown, N.J. coppers. Wear only on high spots or just weakness as struck. SUPERB! 350 —

STACK'S "H. BAREFORD" SALE OCT 22, 1981

11 1787 Mailed Bust Left. M.4-L. The "Horned Bust" variety. A medium late state of the dies with the die break fully attached to the bust. Tips of AUCTORI off the planchet, otherwise an excellent type piece. Very Fine. $320 —

In New Netherlands Coinage Lot [illegible] Collection

4-L

BOWERS "NORWEB" MARCH 25, 1988

Nice "Horned Bust" Specimen

Intermediate Obverse State

FAIR SOME TINY PITTING

$275 —

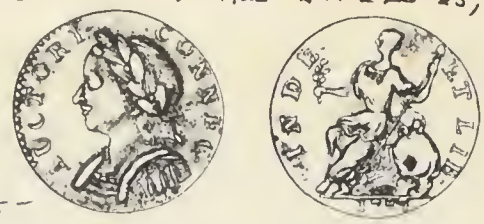
NORWEB

2502 **1787 Connecticut. M 4-L. VF-35.** Rarity-1. 138.8 grains. 28.0mm. 190°. Glossy reddish brown. Some minor obverse and reverse roughness. Well centered. Intermediate obverse die state, the break does not touch the effigy's bust (as on Taylor: 2401). No visible undertype, although these are known on broad New Jersey planchets. A nice specimen for the advanced collector.

Purchased circa 1913-1915. $275 —

SEE BOWERS "FRESNO ENAC SALE" 11-20-91 #335

BOWERS "EINSTEIN SALE" JUNE 23-25, 1986



$275 —

2117 1787 Connecticut. Miller 4-L. *Horned Bust* variety. Early die state without the horn. Actually the *Horned Bust* term, strictly speaking, should not be applicable! Extremely Fine to AU. Sharply struck with a wealth of marvelous detail. Scarce as a variety (the early die state without the horn is much rarer than the later state with the feature) and also as a high-condition item. Medium brown surfaces.

BOWERS "BUCHENBACH-SMITH NOV 10-12, 1986

2717 **1787 Connecticut copper.** M 4-L, "Horned Bust" variety. EF-40. A pleasant example, on a light brown or dark tan planchet. diebreak, which gave rise to the nicknaming of this variety, somewhat advanced here. One or two minor obverse planch irregularities do not seriously detract from the appearance of th piece. 275 —

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

(1689)

200 —
600 —

Lot No. 1063

OECHSNER

BIT DARK

1063 **1787 Miller 4-L.** Mailed bust left. The "Horned Bust" variety. 129.7 grains. **Extremely Fine,** even light granularity. Deep brown with some highlighting. Nice even strike, full date and legends. The earliest die state, with no trace at all of the "horn" in the field.

$660 —

From the Virgil Brand Collection; earlier from the Dr. Thomas Hall Collection.

"OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

TOO DARK, SCRATCH

OECHSNER

1064 **1787 Miller 4-L.** Another. 134.3 grains. Second die state, the "horn" appearing in the field as a short line. **Very Fine,** softly struck on the reverse. Deep blackish brown toning.

$121 —

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

NICE ABT XF GOOD COLOR

300 —
450 —

Lot No. 1065

R. MACFIN

OECHSNER

NICE XF ONLY

400 —
600 —

Lot No. 1066

OECHSNER

SEE GUNLOCKE SALE 3-16-89

(1065) **1787 Miller 4-L.** A third. 118.7 grains. The "horn" now extends from armor to a point between U and the chin. Strong **Very Fine,** rich brown toning, fully glossy surfaces.

$495 —

"OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988 SEE GUNLOCKE SALE 3-16-89

(1066) **1787 Miller 4-L.** A fourth. 116.7 grains. The "horn" now extends to a point between U and lips, and it is thicker. Damage on the obverse at R due to die clashing. **About Uncirculated,** reddish brown and lustrous. SEE STACK'S SALE SEPT 21, 1994 LOT # 26 (PLATE)

$660 —

"OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988 OECHSNER 150 — 250 — SEE GUNLOCKE SALE 3-16-89

(1067) **1787 Miller 4-L.** A fifth. 126.9 grains. The "horn" is now much wider and extends a bit further toward C. Further die clashing has reduced R to I form. **Very Fine,** reddish brown with deeper reverse.

$275 —

BOWERS "PARK FOREST SALE" OCT 3, 1980

2026 1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 4-L (R-3). Mailed bust left. The horned bust variety, with an early stage of the die break flaw still a small crescent completely detached from the bust. VF-20, steel toning, very pleasing despite a long, old reverse scratch. Probably struck at Morristown, NJ by Walter Mould. $85

BOWERS "E.M. SAUNDERS" NOV 9-11, 1987

3021 1787 Connecticut. M 4-L. Rarity-1. VF-20, medium golden-brown. Another immediately recognizable variety, the so-called "Horne Bust" and a distinct "type" within the series. 93.50

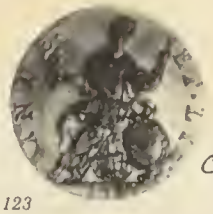
MID-AMERICAN 1986 G.N.A. SALE MAY 24, 1986

1118. 1787 Miller 4-L. Rarity-1. Fine, on an acceptable brown planchet. The popular "Horned Bust" variety, in an earlier die state, with the horn showing in the field to the left of the bust. 104.5 grains. Another 1787 Miller 4-L. Very Fine, on a pleasing, well centered planchet. A later state of the variety, where the horn is attached to the bust. 118.6 grains.

55 —

4-L

STACK'S "ROBISON SALE" FEB 19, 1982



$400-
$675-

CHOICE AU

Lot No. 123

123 **1787 Mailed Bust Left.** M.4-L. The "Horned Bust" variety, in the latest die state, with break fully attached to the bust. An excellent strike with full globe lines visible on the reverse. A glossy light brown planchet. **Choice Extremely Fine.**

$675-

STACK'S "D. FLEISCHER COLL" SEPT 7-8, 1979

530 1787 Mailed Bust Left. M.4-L (R-1). The popular **"Horned Bust"** type in an intermediate die state with the break not attached to the bust. Struck on a broad planchet with some faint porosity, restricted to the obverse. A nice Very Fine. $80—

STACK'S "D. FLEISCHER COLL" SEPT 7-8, 1979

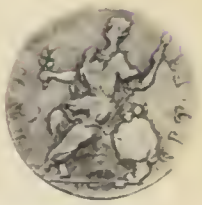
531 1787 Mailed Bust Left. M.4-L, a duplicate, in a later die state with the break fully attached to the bust. Another well balanced coin, on a smooth, medium brown planchet. Very Fine. $80—

65

STACK'S "AUCTION SALE" DEC 3, 1971

65 1787 Miller 4-L. **Horned Bust.** Not rare, but popular. Very Fine. Well struck on a nice smooth planchet, and very slightly off-center. Light incusation (from the reverse) under RI. Full details and a nice even tan color. **PLATE**

$75-



STACK'S SALE MAY 30-31, 1975

467 1787 Miller 4-L. The Horned Bust. Rare early state with only a small crescent-break. Very Fine, sharp. Struck on a glossy brown planchet. $80—

4

PINE TREE 'FUN '78' JAN 6, 1978

15 **1787 Horned Bust** M. 4-L. **Fine-Very Fine.** The die flaw is a thin 2mm. crescent well away from bust, comparable to 1975 E.A.C. lot 71 which sold for $375; brown patina; tops of TORI just about off rim, all other letters and date intact.

PINE TREE 'FUN '78' JAN 6, 1978

17 **1787 M. 4-L. Another. Fine-Very Fine.** The die crack is now at its heaviest and horn shaped; dark brown patination with brighter highlights; date and all letters are on flan, though several letters (RI of AUCTORI, CO of CONNEC, E of INDE) just touch rim.

PINE TREE "GENA '76 SALE" OCT 1, 1976

SIX PIECES TRACING EMISSION SEQUENCE OF "HORNED BUST" CONNECTICUT CENT (M. 4-L)

3 **1787.** M. 4-L (R-1). "Horned Bust". **Fine-Very Fine.** 50-
Early die state **before diagnostic die crack** developed; steel gray, some brown; date and letters, save for very tops of CO, are all on flan. 50.00

4 **1787.** Another M. 4-L. **Fine-Very Fine** and maybe a trifle less sharp than foregoing coin. **PHOTO.** 125-
The die flaw is now a thin 2mm. crescent well away from bust, comparable to 1975 E.A.C. lot 71 which sold for $375, brown patina, tops of TORI just about off rim, all other letters and date intact

125-

5 **1787.** M. 4-L. A third. **Fine-Very Fine** and about the same state of wear as the preceding. 50-
The die-break crescent has now become about twice the size (about 4mm.) but still is not connected to bust, steel colored patination; except for the top of E in INDE, all letters and the date are on flan

50.00

6 **1787.** M. 4-L. A fourth. **Very Fine,** Rev. sharpest.
The die crack now not only touches, but also goes a little into the bust, the whole configuration truly earning the sobriquet "Horned Bust"; dark brown patina with regions of granularity. Tops of ET LIB just off flan, other letters and date normal

7 **1787.** M. 4-L. A fifth. **Fine-Very Fine.** 60-
The break is still about the same length but now expanded in width; dark brown patina with some planchet roughness, planchet clipped so that tops of NN in CONNEC, and on Rev. LI of LIB are off flan, date and all other letters remain intact

60.00

8 **1787.** M. 4-L. A sixth. **Fine-Very Fine.** 70-
The die crack is now at its heaviest and horn shaped, dark brown patination with brighter highlights, date and all letters are on flan, though several letters (RI of AUCTORI, CO of CONNEC, E of INDE) just touch rim

70.00

PINE TREE "BREEN III" JUNE 19, 1978

215 **1787 M. 4-L** (R-1). "Horned Bust" **Fine-Very Fine.** Early die state **before diagnostic die crack** developed, steel gray, some brown; date and letters, save for very tops of CO, are all on flan. **($60-75)**

50.00

216 **1787** M. 4-L A second. **Fine-Very Fine** and about the same state of wear as the preceding. **($60-75)**

70.00

217 **1787** M. 4-L. **Another. Fine-Very Fine.** Planchet clipped to tops of NN in CONNEC Some Planchet roughness. **($75-100)**

35.00

16

PINE TREE 'FUN '78 SALE' JAN 6, 1978

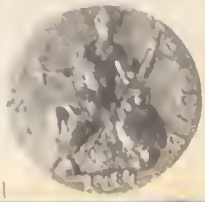
1787 M. 4-L. Another. Very Fine, Rev. sharpest. The die crack now not only touches, but also goes a little into the bust, the whole configuration truly earning the sobriquet "Horned Bust"; dark brown patina with regions of granularity. Tops of ET LIB just off flan, other letters and date normal

Morristown (N.J.) Mint

PINE TREE "FUN '77" JAN 8, 1977

11 **1787** "Horned" Bust. **M. 4-L. Very Fine,** pleasing reddish brown, no significant nicks or scratches; very tops of TO and of rev. first E off flan. Excellent example of this popular type coin. Similar overall to 1975 EAC-72 at $375, finer than Austin ("EF")-75 ANA:21 **(Photo)**

State VIII, the break long, heavy and wedge shaped, like lot 516, our Brown Library Sale (Part I), but a much stronger impression



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4-L

STACK'S SALE MAY 23, 1974

25 1787 Connecticut. Miller 4-L. **The Horned Bust.** A sharply struck coin with all details and date very clear. Very Fine. *85 –

PINE TREE "BREEN" PS SEPT 6, 1985

67 **Morristown Mint. 1787 M. 4-L.** "Hornless Horned Bust." Rare early state before any trace of the "horn" developed. Very Fine, seldom seen. This die state not represented in the extraordinary collection offered in the 1975 EAC sale, though there were two later states. The present coin is comparable to the former of these (lot 71, VF, at $375); some details are sharper, some slightly less sharp. Smooth chocolate brown with highlighted devices. (Photo)

100 –
100 –

67

COIN GALLERIES SALE AUG 28, 1986

1344 1787 M.4-L (R-6?). Horned Bust, first die state with no die break. Very Fine, the obverse about a match for EAC 71; deep blackish-brown toning and slightly granular. Full date. The unbroken state of the obverse die is indeed rare.
121 –

COIN GALLERIES SALE AUG 20, 1986

1345 1787 M.4-L (R-5?). Horned Bust, intermediate die state with short crescent die break. Fine but porous, deep brown toning. Die state almost identical to EAC 71. M.4-L (R-1) Horned Bust, late die state with full "horn" die break. Very Good, deep black toning and some die defects down head. 2 pieces. 104.50
104.50

COIN GALLERIES SALE AUG 20, 1986

1791 1787 M.4-L (R-1). "Horned Bust" variety before the die break. Fine, some detail of Very Fine sharpness but centers soft; full date.
46.20

COIN GALLERIES SALE AUG 7, 1985

1421 1787 Horned Bust. Miller 4-L (R-1). 117.8 grains. Greenish black patination, heavy on obverse, full sharp date and globe, good planchet. Fine or better.
35.20

KAGIN'S SALE NO # 331 OCT 14-15, 1983

1188 1787 Miller 4-L, **VF-30.** Early die state with "horn" away from bust. *120 –

KAGIN'S SALE NO # 331 OCT 14-15, 1983

1187 1787 Miller 4-L, **EF-40.** Horned Bust variety with massive die break attached to shoulder. Typical dark chocolate planchet with reverse less sharp and more granular than obverse. Scarce this nice. *175 –

COIN GALLERIES SALE JUNE 5, 1980

1434 1787 Connecticut, M.4-L. Horned Bust Variety. A pair of coins, one in the intermediate die state, the other in the very latest. Both Fine or better. 2 pieces.

COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 22, 1977

1195 1787 Copper. **M.4-L,** the "Horned Bust". Latest die state with die break attached to bust. Slightly granular planchet. Fine.
25 –

STACK'S SALE SEPT 17, 1986

17 1787 Miller 4-L (R-1). The Horned Bust. Very Fine, porous, dark brown toning with some reverse planchet defects. Advanced state of the die break, the "horn" well developed. 49.50
49.50

Lot No. 1710

COIN GALLERIES, APRIL 14, 1982 4-L

1710 1787 The Horned Bust variety. Early state of the die as the horn (die break) is not joined to the mail. Well struck on a medium brown smooth planchet. Great eye appeal. Extremely Fine. 210
210 –

STACK'S "D. GROVES SALE" NOV 12, 1974

353 1787 Connecticut. Miller 4-L. Horned bust. Struck on a nice broad planchet with the die break (horn) in the final stage, but not yet joined to the bust. Weakly struck above head which makes the first C of CONNEC and the date (opposite) weak. The balance of the coin is very sharply struck and well centered. Light brown. **Extremely Fine.**
$90 –

4-L

HIM, INC. SALE' NOV 4, 1983 R. MARTIN - D. MCMICHELL

59 1787, M.4-L (R-1) VF+. OK SOME POROSITY

122.85 GRAINS The "horned bust" type in the very earliest die state before the die flaw developed in left obverse field, light brown centers, deeper brown at rims, obverse perhaps a touch sharper than LAC #71, lower reverse much sharper but lower half of date off flan #115.50

BOWER'S "ALFARLAND SALE" JAN 14, 1981

37 Lot of three Connecticut coppers, all interesting type coins. Miller 60- 1.2-C (Mutton head), 4-L (the Horned Bust), and 6.1-M (Laughing Head). Good-4 or better. Highly interesting lot. (Total: 3 pieces) 60.00

COIN GALLERIES' SALE' NOV 15, 1979

1143 1787 Connecticut, M.4-L. The "Horned Bust" type, in a late die state, with the die break attached to the bust. Struck on a porous planchet. Very Fine.

MAYFLOWER "STEARNS COLL" DEC 2, 1966

173 1787 Horned Bust 4-L (R1) A very choice Very Fine. All details
38- very clear, no defects

COIN GALLERIES SALE APRIL 10, 1985

1113 **1787 Connecticut.** Another Horned Bust variety. Late die state with break fully developed and attached to bust. Choice Very Fine. Smooth dark brown surfaces with lighter highlights.

COIN GALLERIES SALE' APRIL 10, 1985

1112 **1787 Connecticut.** The Horned Bust variety. M.4-L. Intermediate die state with small crescent-shaped die break in front of bust. Very Fine. Sharp details with some light patches of verdigris.

STACK'S SALE' DEC 4-5, 1987

244 1787 Mailed bust left. Miller 4-L. The Horned Bust variety. Extremely Fine, generally well struck except at back of head (opposite the high point of the shield). Planchet defect at R(I) on obverse. Medium red brown, an attractive example with the break from bust well developed.
#522.50

BOWER'S "BARTLETT SALE" NOV 30, 1979

2099 1787 Connecticut. Mailed bust left. Miller 4-L. EF-40, bold
270- strike, grayish brown, no serious defects. Early state of the dies. (For later state of the dies, see following lot.)

BOWER'S "BARTLETT SALE" NOV 30, 1979

2100 1787 Connecticut. Miller 4-L. The horned bust variety, so-
75- called because of a horn-like diebreak protruding from the bust; late state of the dies. Choice VF-30, medium brown; date very weak.

BOWER'S "BARTLETT SALE" NOV 30, 1979

2101 1787 Connecticut. Miller 4-L. Earlier state of the break than
110- the previous lot; break is a small crescent in the field before the throat. Choice VF-30, dark brown, almost black, but pleasing glossy surfaces.

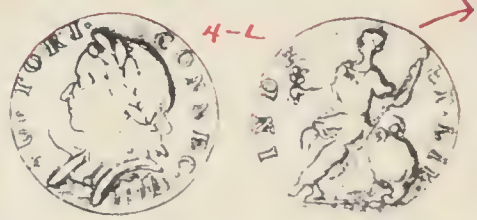
BOWER'S NEWPORT COLL" JAN 30, 1985

12 ~~Pair of 1787 Connecticut coppers.~~ (1) Miller 4-L, *Horned Bust*
70- variety. Early state of the die with the "horn" in nascent form as a disconnected crescent in the field. Fine. ~~(2) Miller 33.1-g.1. Draped bust left. Very Good. Fine, and much scarce, too.~~ (Total: 2 pieces)

BOWERS "BUCHENBACH-SMITH NOV 10-12, 1986

2718 ~~Selection of Connecticut coppers.~~ (1) 1787, M.4-L, "Horned Bust
110- variety. Fine-12, clipped. ~~(2) 1787, M.19-g.4, R-3, VG-8, several planchet inclusions visible. (3) 1787, M.30-h.h, "ET LIR" variety, Fine-12, a cut is noticeable on the obverse. (4) 1787, M.31.2-r.3, Fine-12, a planchet defect is noticeable on the bust on this piece. (5) 1787, M.32.2-X.2, R-3, VF-20, damaged.~~ (Total: 5 pieces)

RED BOOK PLATE COIN (1988)



4-L

ALSO EX SUPERIOR 1975 ANA SALE AUG 19, 1975 LOT #20 AS VF25 SCRATCHES ON CHEEK & BREAST AT $100

BOWER'S "AUSTIN COLL" MAY 31, 1994

188 1788 Connecticut. *Horned Bust* variety. Miller 4-L. **Extremely Fine.** Some planchet striae on cheek. Well centered and sharply struck. From the late state of the dies, which is desirable in this instance for the distinctive "horn" feature (caused by progressive die failure) is unusually prominent.

BOWERS' SCOTT SALE JUNE 5, 1975

80 ~~Group of Connecticut coppers: (1) 1785 mailed bust right, Miller (r.d.O.1, Fine; (2)~~ 1787 mailed bust left, Miller 4-L, *Horned*
110- *Bust* variety. Early state of the die with crescent-shaped die break in field, VG; ~~(2) 1787 draped bust left, Miller 17-g.3, Fine; (4) 1787 draped bust left, Miller 31.2-r.3, Fine, weakly struck.~~ (Total: 4 pieces) 110-

BOWER'S "SPECIAL COIN LETTER", JAN, 1981

1787 Connecticut copper. Mailed bust left. Miller 4-L, **the horned bust** with the die break fully developed. **Very Fine,** strong detail, dark brown, almost black surfaces with some underlying glossiness, color lighter on relief areas, as usual. Another popular variety, struck at Morristown, N.J., as it uses the same reverse die as on Miller 1.3-F, which is known to be a Walter Mould product from punch-linkage to several varieties of Morristown New Jersey coppers. 325.00

BOWER'S "RUSSELL-PATERSON" MAR 25, 1985

2117 ~~Group of Connecticut coppers: 1786 Mailed Bust Left, Miller
110- 5.1-O.1, Fine or better. Some planchet streaks, not unusual for the variety; 1787 Horned Bust variety, Miller 4-L, Very Fine to Extremely Fine, but with ancient planchet porosity and with some red verdigris adhering; 1787 ETLR misspelling, Miller 31.1-g.1, Very Good or so, some edge roughness; 1787 ETHB misspelling, as a type scarcer than the preceding, Miller 37-8.1-L, Good to Very Good, smooth and pleasing planchets.~~ (Total: 4 pieces)

4-L

BOWER'S "STACK ANA'81 SALE" JULY 28, 1981
307 1787 Connecticut Miller 4-L. *Horned Bust* variety. Choice Very Fine. $110 —

AMWEST 'V.I.P. SALE' NOV 19, 1981
29. 1787 Mailed Bust Right. M-4-L (R-1). Very Good. The "Horned Bust" variety. Fairly late die-state with the horn prominently eminating from the left shoulder. Even dark brown, well-struck in the centers. An important coin for the specialist. $35 —

Lot No. 20

STACK'S SALE, SEPT 8, 1977
20 1787 Horned Bust. State II of the die crack. An exceptional specimen.
160 — Extremely Fine, sharply struck on a broad planchet with olive toning.

ROSA AMERICANA LIST # 3, 1990
36. **1787. Miller 4-L, Breen 768. Rarity-1. The "Horned Bust" variety. 139.2 grains, 28.0mm. Very Fine/Extremely Fine. Unfortunately, there are a few small, very old scrapes on the obverse, one on the cheek being most noticeable. Dark ebony, the legends and date are full and strong. Fairly early die state, the break still small and crescent-shaped and still well away from the bust. Without the obverse scrapes, this would be a $250-300 coin.....$89**

BOWER'S "G. HATIE SALE" AUG 3-5, 1983

132 —

121 1787 Connecticut. *Horned Bust* variety. Miller 4-L. So-called from a horn-like die break extending from the shoulder. Sharp and attractive Extremely Fine.

SAN DIEGO SHOW (D. LINETT) OCT 14-15, 1986

1237 1787 CONNECTICUT, Miller 4-L, Mailed Bust Left, Choice Very Fine. Smooth dark brown surfaces create a nice backdrop for the light tan highpoints. The planchet is thick and the detail excellent. The famous "Horned Bust" variety.....(275-350)

BOWER'S "D. HERDMAN SALE" DEC 8-9, 1977
5052 1787 Connecticut. Mailed bust left. *Horned Bust* variety. Miller
60 — 4-L. The appellation is derived from the crescent-shaped "horn" die break on the obverse. Very Fine. Some verdigris.

BOWER'S "D. HERDMAN SALE" DEC 8-9, 1977
5053 1787 Connecticut. Miller 4-L. *Horned Bust* as preceding. F-VF. 45 —

SEE BOWER'S "MINNING SALE" AUG 31, 1999 #1012
SUPERIOR "A.H. BARRY SALE" JAN 31, 1983
5 CONNECTICUT. 1787 Copper. Extremely Fine 45. Mailed Bust Left, 'Horned Bust.'' Miller-4-2. Nice glossy brown surfaces with light to moderate handling marks in the fields. Miller attribution appears in the obverse field in removable white ink.
.....($300.00-$400.00)

MARIS PLATE (1875)

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.4-L
Extremely Fine

MID-AMERICAN '1986 SAN DIEGO SALE" SEPT 26, 1986
12. 1787 Connecticut Copper. Extremely Fine. Miller 4-L, Rarity 1, the popular "Horned Bust" variety. The glossy, dark brown fields are highlighted by tan devices in a pleasing two tone appearance. Although this is a common variety, examples of this quality are rare.

BOWER'S 'ERZA COLE SALE' JAN 23-25, 1986

1191 1787 Connecticut. Miller 4-L. As preceding. 112.0 grains. Very
165 — Fine-30 or finer. A close match to the preceding piece. On a medium brown and quite glossy planchet, with the letters and motifs in a lighter brown, giving the coin a cameo-like effect. The "horn" feature is prominent. A very pleasing specimen of one of the most popular varieties in the series.

4-L

KAGIN'S '344TH SALE' AUG 23-24, 1987

3647 1787 Connecticut. Miller-4-L, the horned-bust variety, the rare early state without the break. Fine-15 with light brown color and a few surface marks. Slightly bent with white india ink designating the die variety in left obverse field, evidence that this coin was once in an old-time collection. $55 —

KAGIN'S '344TH SALE' AUG 23-24, 1987

3646 1787 Connecticut. Miller-4-L, the horned-bust variety. A very nice, sharp EF-45 example with medium to dark brown color. Has a slight surface porosity but an extremely bold and attractive coin. $ 313.50

STEVE IVY MAY 30, 1983

10 1787 Connecticut FINE (12) Mailed Bust Left. Miller 4-L. (R-3). Perfect Dies; the "Horned Bust" in its earliest incarnation; no trace of the crescent shaped obverse break. Deep olive with purplish highlights; light corrosion at CONNEC. Ex R.L. Hughes Fretwell Sale; 3.

BOWER'S "ARNOLD / ROMISA" SEPT 17-19, 1984

626 1787 Connecticut. Miller 4-L. *Horned Bust* variety, intermediate die 55 state with the "horn" incompletely formed at this stage. Very Fine or a bit better. 55 —

BOWER'S 'ARNOLD & ROMISA' SEPT 17-19, 1984

627 1787 Connecticut. Miller 4.L. *Horned Bust* as preceding, but with full 61 horn. Very Fine or better. 60.50

BOWER'S "L. HEWITT SALE' NOV 14, 1984

2005 1787 Connecticut. Miller 4-L. Horned Bust variety. Extremely Fine from the standpoint of wear, and with exquisite detail, including on the seated figure on the reverse, globe, date, borders, lettering, obverse bust, etcetera, but with a minutely granular surface. An unusually sharp and quite pleasing specimen of this popular Connecticut variety. $412.50

Spectacular 1787 Connecticut Error

RCR $3,995 —

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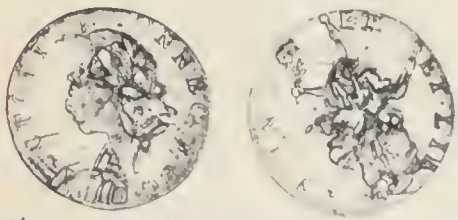


$1,320 —

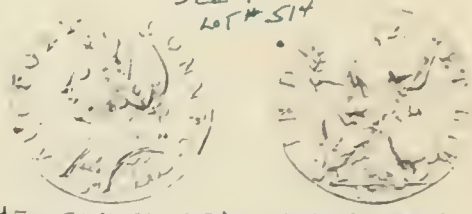
BOWER'S 'RUSSELL PATERSON' MARCH 25-26, 1985

2118 1787 Connecticut. *Horned Bust* variety. Miller 4-L Very early die state with the "horn" showing as a tiny "island." Spectacularly double struck, as illustrated. Uncirculated, with glossy brown surfaces A superb specimen of one of the most remarkable Connecticut errors we have ever seen. Another item the specialist will treasure

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE COIN 69

767 1787 Mailed bust l. Scarce.
"Hornless Horned Bust." M. 4-L (but compare next); rev. as last, earlier state. 136.6–138 grs. = 8.85–8.94 gms., probably for 52 to the lb.

SEE P.T. 'BROWN UNIV.' LOT #514



BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1987)

768 1787 Horned Bust.
Later states of same dies; that ill. is one of the latest. Some are on small thin flans. 105–115.5 grs. = 6.8–7.48 gms.

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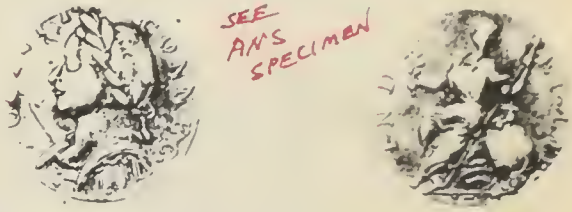
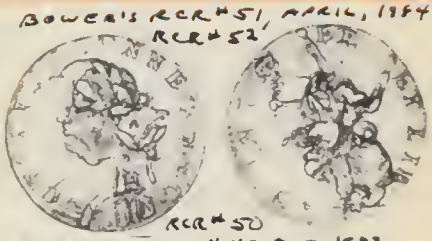


769 1787 Same dies, broad Jersey flan. Rare.
29–31 mm, 139–160 grs. = 9.01–10.37 gms.. as on 936–45.

BOWER'S RCR #51, APRIL, 1984
RCR #52



RCR #50

BOWER'S RCR #49 OCT, 1983

1787 Connecticut. *Horned Bust* variety. Miller 4-L. Spectacularly double struck, with prominently doubled features in just about every area A truly marvelous item for the Connecticut specialist or for the numismatist who desires something which is at once unusual and fascinating. The condition of the coin, Uncirculated, with a lustrous brown surface, adds further to the desirability of what is certainly one of the most spectacular pieces we have offered in a long time. A further desirable factor, if one is needed, is that this is a very early state of the dies before the break became pronounced, a rare impression. This coin could well be the centerpiece for a specialized collection of this state coinage . . . 3,995.00

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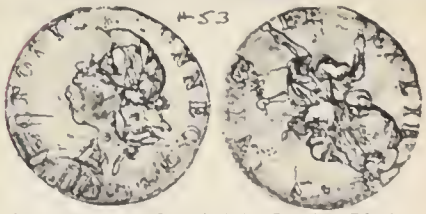


BOWER'S RCR #54, JAN, 1985

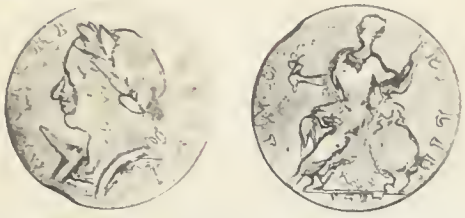
1787 Connecticut. *Horned Bust* variety. Miller 4-L. Spectacularly double struck, with prominently doubled features in just about every area. A wonderful item for the Connecticut specialist or for the numismatist who desires something unusual and fascinating. Uncirculated, with lustrous brown surfaces. Even without the double struck feature, the piece would be a landmark among Connecticut coppers. Another classic item 3,995.00

DICK AUGUST LIST, 1984

1787 Horned Bust, 4L, triple struck uniformly, Unc. and probably the finest Connecticut oddity of its kind $2000

4-L

BOWER'S 'ERZA COLE SALE' JAN 23-25, 1986



1190 1787 Connecticut. Miller 4-L. 119.5 grains. Very Fine-30 or better. 242 Actually, from the viewpoint of wear, it is probably EF-40. The so-called *Horned Bust* variety, designated from the appendage extending upwards at the base of the neck, visible on later states (such as this one) of the die combination. Medium brown surfaces with excellent definitions. An almost subliminal planchet chip is at the lower left of the obverse and corresponding part of the reverse and does not affect the inner portion of the coin.

BOWER'S 'STUART LEVINE' APRIL 10-11, 1986

861 1787 Connecticut. Miller-4-L. 129.2 grains. Very Fine. The famous 66 Horned Bust variety, so-called from a horn-like diebreak below the chin. Medium brown surfaces.

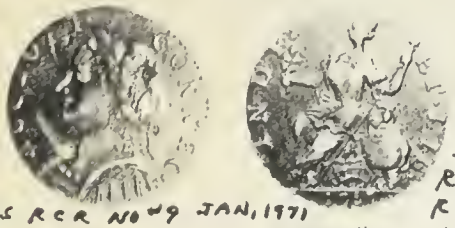
LEPCZYK SALE #60 NOV 23-24, 1984

696 - 1787. Connecticut. Horned bust variety. Choice VF+, smooth and flawless surfaces. 180

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW NO #44 JUNE, 1982

1787 Mailed bust right. Miller 4-L, the famous horned bust. Very Fine, even medium brown, fairly early state of the obverse die with the die flaw only a small thin crescent well away from bust, rare thus, at least two auction records above $300 in the 1973-75 period for similar pieces. Ours is just $185.00. Another "horned bust", this with the break fully developed. Also Very Fine, bolder than last, but a little darker 185.00

1787 Miller 4-L. The "Horned Bust" variety. Early state without hornlike diebreak. (R-3 in this die state) VG $19.00 Fine 29.00



SEPT, 1970 RCR #7 RCR #8

BOWERS RCR NO #9 JAN, 1971

1787 4-L. Horned bust with "horn" as usually seen. Later state of the dies (as such, "Common" in the Miller rarity scale). Fair $6.00, G $9.00, VG $16.00, VF 44.00

1787 Horned bust type. 4-L (Common). Late state of dies with hornlike die break from bust. Fair $6.00; Good $9.00; Very Good ..RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APR, 1972..... 19.00

1787 [Horned bust] 4-L (R-3 in this state). Early state of the 4-L combination without the distinctive die break. Very Good $19.00; VF-EF, cheap at RARE COIN REVIEW #14, APR, 1972 . 72.00

SAN DIEGO SHOW (ANA SALE) MAR 3, 1990

Remarkable Die State Type Set of 4-L HORNED BUST Cents

$21,310

2398 1787 Cents, Lot of 4, Miller 4-L, Breen-768, Horned Bust, Mailed Bust Left, Die State Set of Four, All ANACS Certified-Extremely Fine. A wonderful lot showing the die break development from the very early stage, having a minute size "horn" through enlargement to the massive final stage. Each coin is virtually identical in choice quality for this variety. Overall, the surfaces are smooth and hard with the strike being very sharp and a full date on every coin. Each of the four coins in this lot are premium quality examples of the horned bust variety. Exceptional care and selection has obviously been taken to develop this interesting set. Sold "as is" as one complete set of four coins and certain to be one of the more interesting lots sold in this colonial section. Each of the four coins is very close in quality to that of the Red Book plate coin on page 39 for the variety. Only valued through VF at $325, we can only speculate what a certified group of four EFs should bring. ..... (1600-2500)

SAN DIEGO SHOW (ANA SALE) MAR 3, 1990

2390 ~~1785 Lot of 2 Cents, Miller 5-F.5, (R-4), Fine and a~~ Miller 4-L, "Horn Bust", Choice Fine+. ~~The former, having a planchet striation from the ear to the edge at 11-o'clock on the obverse, and being medium to dark mahogany brown in color.~~ The latter, is slightly granular with medium to dark brown color, but a nice example for the grade. ..... (200-300)

BOWER'S 'SACCONE COLL' NOV 6-8, 1989

247.50

1544 **1787 Connecticut copper. M 4-L.** 126.7 grains. Rarity-1. EF-40. Pleasing, reddish gray brown. A nice example of the "Horned Bust" variety. One or two minor edge dents may be seen; small toning spot in the right reverse field. The variety takes its name from the pronounced die break often seen on the obverse, creating a "horn" rising from the effigy's right shoulder. On this specimen, the horn is nicely advanced, overall equivalent to Taylor:2398 (122.6 grains). The reverse die is in a perfect state. The first C of CONNEC clearly recut. Curious incusations on the obverse, below R, not seen on any other specimen noted.

Miller 4-L has been described in the past as occurring on broad New Jersey planchets, from Walter Mould's Morristown operation. The diameter range of 12 pieces in the present writer's database of Connecticut coppers is 27.3-28.7mm, yielding a mean diameter of 28.0 for the sample. Lot 5102 of our sale of March 1989 measured 29.8mm at its widest axis, but this was on a pronouncedly oval flan. No example of 4-L is known overstruck on a Morristown, New Jersey copper; no comparative chemical analyses are known of 4-L and Morristown Mint New Jersey coppers; and as far as the present writer is aware, there is no hard evidence to support the contention that 4-L was struck on Morristown Mint New Jersey planchets.

4-L

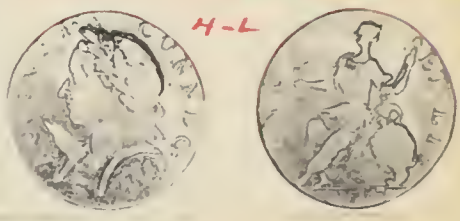
COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

4-L	1787	VF+/VF+	R1	[illegible] OUGE
4-L	1787	F	R1	Verdigris obverse
4-L	1787	F+	R1	
4-L	1787	F+	R1	Early small break. Reverse p
4-L	1787	VF-	R1	Medium break.
4-L	1787	VF-	R1	Large die break.
4-L	1787	F+	R1	Perfect die. no break.
4-L	1787	F-/VG+	R1	[illegible]
4-L	1787	F/F	R1	Dark. Perfect die. no [illegible]
4-L	1787	F+/F+	R1	Large die break.
4-L	1787	F+/F+	R1	Small obv. die break.
4-L	1787	F-/F-	R1	Large die break.
4-L	1787	VF-/VF-	R1	Medium obv. die break.
4-L	1787	F/F	R1	Medium obv. die break.
4-L	1787	VF+/F	R6	Perfect die. no break
4-L	1787	New		Dory Duplicate counterf COIN [illegible]

NEW ENGLAND SALE, DEC 3, 1976

6 1787 Connecticut Copper, Mailed Bust Left, Horned Bust, EXTREMELY FINE–40, Choice color. Traces of light green corrosion. An exceptional example of this scarce variety. Not as nice as our Publick II specimen which realized $750, but still worth a good bid.
215-

BLACK PLATE (1965)
4-L



NEW ENGLAND SALE MAY 20, 1977

6 1787 Connecticut Copper, Mailed Bust Left, Horned Bust. FINE–15, nearly Very Fine. Light brown with only minor corrosion.
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NEW ENGLAND SALE 'FUN SALE' JAN 9, 1982

9 1787 Connecticut Cent, Mailed Bust Left, Horned Bust, M.4-L, VERY FINE-20, somewhat dark with a trace of porosity. Very attractive overall. Rare early die state, in which the "horn" is a thin crescent. Very similar to Lot #71 Pine Tree EAC, February 2, 1975, this piece without the rim problems of that coin. (Page 39 of the Guide Book)
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STEVE IVY SALE FEB 24-26, 1983

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
4-L 6349 (2) POOR
9464 (prf obv 15) F15
9481 (obv brk 20) VF20
9467 (hor bust 25) VF25
6381 (25) VERY FINE (25)

STEVE IVY SALE FEB 24-26, 1983

1900 **1787 and 1788 Connecticuts.** All are, again, attributed to Miller numbers and rarity ratings. **1787 Mailed Bust Left.** M.5-L. The "Horned Bust" variety; state II with the horn now a distinct crescent in the field. Very Fine (20); a trifle dark but very pleasing. 1 OF 4 PIECES

L. MERKIN SALE, NOV 20, 1968

57 — 1787 Mailed bust l. M. 4-L: "horned" bust. Fine, similar surface.

L. MERKIN SALE OCT 31, 1973 SEE SMACK SALE 11/17/93

148 — 1787 Mailed bust copper. Miller 4-L, the "Horned Bust," but rare early state with only a small crescent-shaped break in field. EF. This and the following four lots comprise a nice set showing the progression of the horn (die break). Light reddish brown, well struck on a flan nearly free of defects. Very rare quality.
300-

L. MERKIN SALE OCT 31, 1973

149 — 1787 Miller 4-L, later state with the crescent now taking full shape. VF–EF. Slight weakness at AUC, but the balance of the coin sharp. Struck on a glossy light brown planchet.
85-

L. MERKIN SALE' OCT 31, 1973

150 — 1787 Miller 4-L, struck on a large planchet, and as such, listed as rarity 3 in Miller. VF. Slightly advanced state of the break, making it a larger crescent, but still not joined to the mail. Weakly struck at top portion of the obverse, and correspondingly on the reverse. A glossy light brown.
23-

L. MERKIN SALE' OCT 31, 1973

151 — 1787 Miller 4-L. VF–EF. Further advancement of the break, now joined to the bust, making it appear as a horn emanating from the bust. Well struck and centered, with a full date, and all details sharp. Reddish, dark brown, and an excellent coin.
75-

L. MERKIN SALE' OCT 31, 1973

152 — 1787 Miller 4-L. VF–EF. The last of the group, showing the horn firmly attached to the mail, and extending into the field to between U and C. The dies have now clashed and the impression of the crossed feet of the goddess on the reverse, can be seen incused under the R on the obverse. Another specimen with all details and date sharp. An appealing light brown.
75-

Many state coinages of the late 1700s, including this Connecticut copper dated 1787, depict Liberty holding a pole topped by a Phrygian cap but otherwise bearing a resemblance to Britannia on British halfpennies.

THE NUMISMATIST OCT, 1988
"THE LIBERTY MOTIF" ON EARLY AMERICAN COINAGE.

4-L

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

15) 1787 M.4-L "Horned Bust" Very Fine/Extremely Fine detail. Smooth dark reddish brown. Earliest die state without obverse die break.

16) 1787 M.4-L "Horned Bust" Extremely Fine detail. Relatively smooth dark reddish brown. Early die state with die break just beginning in obverse field. White ink attribution in left obverse field. (Howland Pell, Sept., 1936)

17) 1787 M.4-L "Horned Bust" Very Fine (25-30). Intermediate die state with break in field not yet attached to obverse bust. Smooth light brown with some darker mottlings on obverse.

18) 1787 M.4-L Very Fine-25. Slightly off center affecting tops of "TORI" and causing bottom 1/3 of date to be struck off flan. Late die state with break attached to bust. White ink attribution., (No Provenance) *

19) 1787 M.4-L Very Fine/Extremely Fine (35-40). Late die state with break attached to bust. Struck slightly off center resulting in tops of "ORI" and bottom half of date to be off the flan. Tiny rim clip at 12 o'clock reverse. (No Provenance)

4-L

SEE BREEN PLATE 769

ANA MUSEUM, 1989

1787 Copper F 7.01g 180° Miller 4-L (R3)

2239 1785-1787. Group of 4 Pieces. NASCA SALE DEC 7-10, 1981

80 ~~1785: M.6.3, cleaned and porous G-VG. 1786: M.5.2 1(R-3); VG+, F, dark.~~ 1787: M.4-L (Horned Bust), VG+, obverse scratches; ~~M.37.4-K.1, Good.~~ Sold As Is - No Returns.

STACK'S "FOREMAN SALE" MAY 4, 1989

1207 1787 Mailed bust left. Miller 4-L. The "Horned bust." Evenly struck on a planchet with some defects.
$66 Fairly late die state, the "horn" well developed. Deep blackish brown toning. Somewhat off-center but full date. **Very Fine,** some porosity. TOO DARK

1787 M.4-L. The Horned bust. Fine or better, DARK
LOT #1204 bottoms of date off the flan. Light granularity. Deep greenish brown with highlighted devices. Intermediate state of the "horn." 2 pieces. STACK'S SALE J. M. FOREMAN "MAY 4, 1989 1 OF 2 PIECES
OTHER CONN. 1785 S-F.5 FINE-DITRIUS LOT BROUGHT $3.50

BOWER'S 'LANDMARK COLL' MARCH 30, 1989

5102 1787 Connecticut copper. M 4-L. Horned Bust variety. VF-30. 134.9
165 grains. Black-green surfaces, golden brown high points. Early obverse state, equivalent to Taylor:2401; reverse state also equivalent to that coin. Struck on a slightly oval flan. DARK FIELDS

The variety takes its name from a break in the obverse die which appears at first as a crescent-shaped mark in the field below the effigy's chin. In later states, this break grows to touch the effigy's bust, creating what appears to be a "horn" rising from it.

BOWER'S 'LANDMARK COLL' MARCH 30, 1989

5103 1787 Connecticut copper. M 4-L. Horned Bust. VF-20. 145.3 grains.
$88 Pale golden brown in color. Minor rim nick on the left obverse edge, softly struck there, also. Obverse "horn" in an earlier state of development than seen on Taylor:2402, but later than seen on Taylor:2400. Usual state of the reverse. DENTS, WEAK

BOWER'S "M. ROTHERT COLL" NOV 16-17, 1973

646 ~~Connecticut coppers. An interesting grouping from the Rothert~~
$150 ~~Collection which contains several distinctive varieties: 1785 A~~frican head (Miller's variety 4.1 F.1). VF-EF, some old ~~marks;~~ 1787 Horned bust. Miller 4-L. Late die state with horn feature very prominent. Very Fine; ~~1787 Miller 14-H. V~~ariety with pheons (arrows) at date and legends. Nice Very ~~Fine. Interesting coin!; 1787 Draped bust left. Miller 33.7-X.1. Rarity 5. Attractive Very Fine, with all features sharply and prominently defined; 1787 Draped bust left. Miller 33.34-W.2. Rarity 5. Very Fine. Diagonal die break bisects reverse from colon after INDE to colon after ET LIB~~. ~~A very choice grouping which should attract considerable attention from specialists.~~ (Total: 5 pieces)

STACK'S 'GUNLOCKE COLL" MARCH 16, 1989 R. MARTIN

1521 1787 Miller 4-L. 118.7 grains. The "horn" now extends from the armor to a point between U and the
$385 chin. Strong **Very Fine,** rich brown toning, fully glossy surfaces. EX OECHSNER 200-350
EX. OECHNER LOT #1065 AT $495

Lot No. 1522

SEE STACK'S SALE SEPT 21, 1994 LOT #26 (PLATE) AT $650

EX OECHSNER AS AU 800-800-

OK XF

EX OECHSNER AS AU LOT #1066 AT $660

STACK'S 'GUNLOCKE COLL' MARCH 16, 1989

1522 1787 Miller 4-L. Another. 116.7 grains. The "horn" now extends to a point between U and lips, and it
$880 is thicker. Damage on the obverse at R due to die clashing. **Extremely Fine,** reddish brown and lustrous.

STACK'S 'GUNLOCKE COLL' MARCH 16, 1989 EX OECHSNER #1067 AT 275

1523 1787 Miller 4-L. A third. 126.9 grains. The "horn" now much wider and extends a bit farther toward
$320 C. Further die clashing has reduced R to I form. **Very Fine,** reddish brown with deeper reverse.
EX. OECHSNER

4-L

R. MARTIN COLL.

NICKNAMED CONNECTICUTS EDWARD BARNSLEY

(2) HORNED BUST, Miller
Obverse 4 of 1787

Perfect Die

BARNSLEY COLLECTION

Early Chip
BARNSLEY COLLECTION

Late Die State 105.2 GR
D. SONDERMAN MAY, 1979 - R. MARTIN

In 1875 Crosby was the first to apply the nickname Horned Bust to this die. Hall in 1892 said the die had a "Break near center of left field; later showing a continuous horn-like projection from front of mail near throat." Miller pointed out that the die was much rarer in the perfect state than it was with the Horned Bust break. Small breaks are also much rarer than large breaks. The illustrations show three examples of the innumerable progression of die break enlargement which resulted from continued strikings from this flawed die.

4-L

There is considerable evidence to suggest that attempts were made ta repair damaged and defective dies by repalishing the die to remove the surface defect. The mast spectacular example of this is the "Horned Bust" Connecticut of 1787, Miller obverse 4. See the illustrations on page 825. Here an attempt was made to repair the small die crack by polishing. It may have worked for awhile but the crack continued to develop

into the die and more and more metal chipped away. The results of die polishing can best be seen in the area of hair just below the ear. Much of this detail was removed during the ineffective polishing effort.

EARLY DIE STATE
(BEFORE REWORK)

LATE DIE STATE
(AFTER REWORK)

CONNECTICUT OBVERSE 4 of 1787

3.25 X ENLARGEMENT

4-L

NEW NETHERLAND'S 51st SALE JUNE 18, 1958

86 1787. The well known Horned bust. **M. 4-L.** Two stages of die break—moderately advanced and more advanced. Abt. Ex. Fine and F-VF. Each with at least one tiny rim nick or scrape; both on small, thick flans typical of the variety. Fairly nice surfaces. 2 Pcs. **($15.00)**

12-

NEW NETHERLAND'S 60TH SALE DEC 3-4, 1968

335 1787. Mailed bust left; the **"Horned bust." M. 4-L** (C). Fine; obverse bold, reverse weaker. Struck upon an unusually broad flan; specifically listed as Rarity 4 so by Miller. Clean appearing, but with rev. edge dig at B of LIB and slightly past it. EX. BOYD 1 OF 2 PIECES OTHER 6.1-M

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NEW NETHERLAND'S 36TH SALE JAN 26, 1952

503 — 1787. Mailed Bust I. Variety with the break in front of throat. M-4-L. Abt. V. Fine. Ex. Hall Coll.

NEW NETH. 'NUMISMA' AUG, 1954 VOL 1 NO 3

885 1787. "Horned" mailed bust I. M. 4-L. V. Fine. Few obverse defects; rim bruises. Bold. Ex Clarke coll. **$4.75**

NEW NETHERLANDS 59TH SALE JUNE 13-15, 1967

383 Another Horned Bust. M. 4-L. About Very Fine with the edge a trifle rough on either side. 8-

HARMER ROOKE 'MILLION DOLLAR SALE' NOV 17, 1969

129 — 1787. Mailed bust I. M. 4–L, the variety usually found with "horned" bust, but here with only a tiny crescent break in field. Fine, bold, light steel color, excellent surfaces. Very scarce in this early die state.

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

74 **1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 4-L. Mailed Bust Left, the "Horned Bust" variety. Rarity 1, this die state Rarity 6. 133.8 grains. Very Fine,** or slightly finer. Dark chocolate brown, with a few small digs in the obverse fields, none serious or detracting. A very popular variety. EX. OECHSNER LOT #1219 1 OF 3 PIECES $145

This example was struck from the rare early die state before the obverse break, which gave this variety its nickname, started to develop.

Although this is the most common variety of 1787, and one of the most common of all years, the Horned Bust variety remains extremely popular with collectors, in part because of the challenge presented by collecting as many of the different die states as possible, from perfect state to "full horn."

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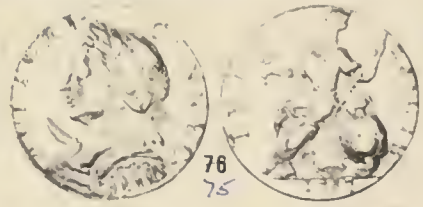
ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

75 **1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 4-L, another. Rarity 1. 133.8 grains. Choice Extremely Fine.** Although the piece has only the faintest trace of circualtion, it was somewhat weakly impressed, resulting in a lack of definition on the uppermost points. The surfaces are highly glossy, and toned an attractive golden brown, faded from original mint color. A very pleasing example of the variety, worthy of even the finest collection..... $595

Medium die state, with the break touching the bust, but still thin, and with die clash marks appearing before the effigy's forehead.



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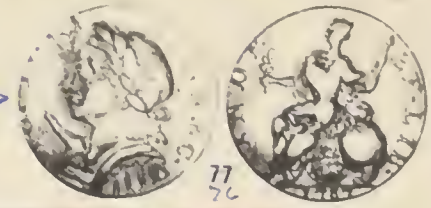
ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

76 **1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 4-L, a final example. Rarity 1. 115.9 grains. Extremely Fine,** struck on a light golden brown planchet, completely free of defects. Finer than Taylor, and comparable to the Oeschner specimen. A very attractive example of this variety..... $549

Very late die state, with the horn fully developed.



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STACK'S 'OECHSNER' SEPT 9, 1988

1219 1787 "Horned bust." Miller 4-L. Early die state, before the "horn" break began. Very Fine, small digs on the field. Deep walnut brown toning; Another. Advanced state of the break, the horn projecting to a point between the mouth and U. Very Fine, die clashing before the forehead. Reddish brown toning; ~~1787 "CONNECT" variety (Miller 15-F). Very Fine, the whole word sharp. Planchet crack from CT through top of the head and two short ones through 17 (date still legible). There is a large planchet chip out of the reverse above Liberty's pole hand. Deep brown with some highlighting. A pleasing group of 3 pieces.~~

412.50

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1948

M 4-L. F-15 to VF-20. Rarity-1. 141.4 grains. 28.7mm.

LOT #2501 180°. Rough. Reddish patina. Early state, no sign of the "horned bust" break giving this die its nickname;

1 OF 10 PIECES

NORWEB

BOWER'S 'RIVEL OAK'S (KRUGDOHANN' NOV 11-13, 1976

351 ~~Group of Connecticut coppers: (1) 1785 Mailed bust right. Miller 2-A.1. Abt. Fine. Dark;~~ (2) 1787 Mailed bust left. Miller 4-L. Perfect die (early die state of the famed *Horned Bust* variety). Fine; ~~(3) 1787 Mailed bust left. Miller 13-D. Fine; (4) 1787 Mailed bust left. Miller 15-F. F-VF. Some light planchet defects. (5) 1787 Draped bust left. Miller 32.2-X.2. Fine.~~ (Total: 5 pieces)

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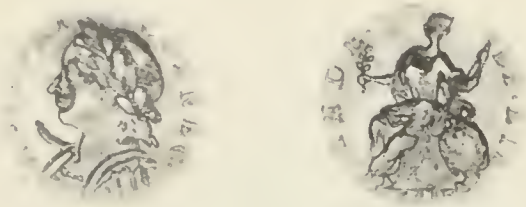
NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

FINEST KNOWN HORNED BUST



46 1787 Horned Bust Variety M #4–L (R–1) The finest known! A *flawless* ALMOST UNCIRCULATED–50, or better. Gorgeous surfaces with traces of lustre. It has long been the pride of its last owner and it is quite worthy of the record price it will surely command. (Acquired long ago as "Gem Uncirculated").
$750–

HENRY C. MILLER SALE' MAY 26-29, 1920

1866 1787. "Horned bust." C. 4-L. Fine. 1.30
1867 1787. Broken die before bust, Sm. planchet. C. 4-L. VG. .30
1868 Another, larger bust. VFine. Rare. 1.60
1869 1787. Perfect die of same type. C. 4-L. Fine. Rare. 1.70
2105 1787. C. 4-L. Horned bust G. to fine. 3 pcs. .45

RED BOOK PLATE (1976)

STACK'S 'STEINBERG SALE' OCT 17, 1989

TINY DINGS OTHERWISE OK

325–
+25–

EX. EAC'75 SALE LOT #71 AS VF @ 375–

Lot No. 87

87 1787 Miller 4-L. "Horned bust." Early die state, the "horn" break in the field only, and short. Full date and legends. Medium brown with touches of brick red. **Extremely Fine.**
467.50

STACK'S 'STEINBERG SALE' OCT 17, 1989

88 1787 Miller 4-L. "Horned bust." Another, in a slightly later die state, the horn a bit larger. Reddish brown, somewhat granular surfaces. Nearly all the legends are on the flan. **Very Fine.** FAIR
$165–

STACK'S 'STEINBERG SALE' OCT 17, 1989

89 1787 Miller 4-L. A third "Horned bust", in this case with the horn well advanced. Small verdigris spot on last C on obverse. Some deep red gold color, mostly on the reverse. Legends and date sharp. The horn now reaches to opposite the chin. **Extremely Fine,** with some parts better. NICE
$550–
275–
550–

HAROLD HESS LIST SUMMER 1983

Lot 24: 1787 CONNECTICUT COPPER, Miller 4-L, VF20/20 ..... $ 150

The "Horned Bust." A couple of reddish specks at NE in CONNEC, otherwise a handsome dark charcoal-brown. Late die state with full "horn." Nice hard flan, slightly undersized as usual. One old smoothed mark at I in LIB on the rev, otherwise totally injury-free! At least as nice as the Redbook illustration and quite comparable to the 1975 Pine Tree auction specimen.

McLAUGHLIN & ROBINSON SALE FEB 25, 1989

2 1787 M-4.L HORNED BUST F15 CHOCOLATE BROWN WITH SOME LITE POROSITY/PITTING..... VG10

McLAUGHLIN & ROBINSON SALE JAN 23, 1988

17 1787 HORNED BUST VF25 LITTLE DARK. POROUS/SCATTERED CORROSION - VERY DECENT F15

RAGIN'S LIST SEPT 16, 1981

1787 CONNECTICUT M.4.L Early die state, no die break EF-40 dark 250.00
1787 CONNECTICUT M.4-L Early state, horn away from bust VF-25 ..... 350.00
1787 CONNECTICUT M.4-L Horn die break attached to bust XF-40 dark .. 250.00
1787 CONNECTICUT M.4-L, Very late die state with massive "Horn" break VF-20 ..... 250.00

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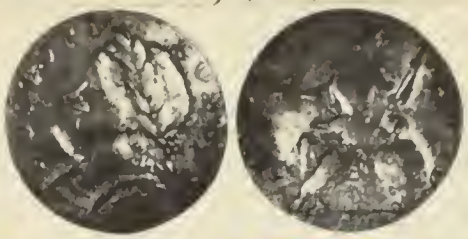
A-MARK LIST #1, DEC, 1972



1787 M4-L R3 Very Good, $18.00, Extremely Fine (PHOTO) $119.00

BOWERS 'G.W. POLIS COLL' JUNE 11, 1991

2577 1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 4-L "Horned Bust" variety. EF-40. 112.2 grains. Dark olive on both sides, rough strike. Later state of the obverse, the "horn" arising from the effigy's right shoulder and extending to below C of AUCTORI.

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

1167 1787 Connecticut copper. M-4-L. Mailed Bust Left. "Horned Bust" variety. 131.1 grains. Rarity-1. VG-8. Pale golden brown. Both sides microscopically porous; scratched. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2400, the "horn" in an early stage of development, merely a crescent below the effigy's chin. 27.50

Ex Ryder Collection. Envelope and ticket accompany this lot. Called "Poor" by Ryder

PINE TREE 'E. MORTON SALE' OCT 18, 1995

542 **1787.** Mailed Bust Left. **M.4-L** (R-1); famous **"Horned Bust,"** so named for the crescent-shaped die break before throat; **Fine**, unevenly struck, uniform dark brown with no noticeable planchet defects or granularity. ~~M.11.1-E (high R-2), some details. Fine, most VG; patinated a uniform dark brown. (Compare with lots 71, 72 and 80), our 1. A Gem!~~ 2 pcs. **($200.-250.)** 55

COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 20, 1981

1976 ~~Connecticut Coppers. 1785 Bust r., Good; 1786 Bust l., M.5.4-G, Fine or better, strong date~~; 1787 Bust l., M.4-L, "Horned Bust," in late die state, Fine. 3 pieces in the Lot.

STACK'S SALE' MAY 13, 1982

58 1785 M.6.3-G.1, M.B.R.; 1787 M.4-L, "Horned Bust", date missing; 1787 M.37.11-FF, D.B.L. All are a nice Fine. Lot of 3 pieces. 60

COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 20, 1981

1977 Connecticut Coppers. ~~1787 Draped Bust l., Fine, weak date~~; 1787 Bust l., M.4-L, "Horned Bust," in late die state, Very Fine; ~~1788 Bust r., M.2-D, Fine, reverse planchet defects~~. 3 pieces in the Lot.

STACK'S '1976 ANA SALE' AUG 24, 1976

49 ~~1785 and 1787 Lot of four major types, 1785 Miller 4.1-F.4. The African head. An excellent coin but marred by a tiny hole through the center~~; 1787 Miller 4-L (scratches and dents). The early state of the horned bust with the break just starting and appearing only as a crescent under the chin; ~~1787 Miller 6.1-M. Laughing head; 1787 Miller 14-H. The variety with pheons on either side of the date. A nice little group~~. VERY GOOD TO FINE. 4 pieces. 60.00 60

STACK'S SALE JUNE 27, 1975

33 1787 Connecticut. ~~A group of three very popular type coins. Miller 1.2-C (Mullen Head)~~, Miller 4-L (Horned Bust), ~~and Miller 6.1-M (Laughing Head). This group must be seen to be appreciated~~. Good. 3 pieces. 85

STACK'S D. GROVES SALE NOV 12, 1974

357 1787-1788 Connecticut. Three most interesting coins. **1787 Miller 4-L.** The Horned Bust variety but an early state, before the break started forming the horn; ~~**1788 Miller 2-D.** Mailed bust right. The same reverse that is found on one of the Machins Mills pieces, proving that this was also one of them; and **1788 Miller 5-B.2.** A Rarity-5 coin, and **STRUCK OVER A NOVA CONSTELLATIO.** An unusual lot that must be seen. **About Good.**~~ 3 pieces. 35 37.50

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1224 **1787 M.4-L.** Mailed bust left. Good. Planchet not completely round due to rim bumps; ~~**M.8.1-M.** "Laughing head." Nearly Very Good; **M.8-O.** About Good and porous; **M.15-F.** Good but with numerous pinscratches.~~ 4 pieces. 99

HENRY GARRETT LIST, SPRING, 1982

1787 Mailed Bust Left, Horned Bust variety, M4-L, VF.... 135.00

C.V. McCAWLEY LIST #19 OCT/NOV, 1988

1787 CONNECTICUT M.4-L VG10 HORNED BUST $ 45.00
VF20 Chocolate brown. Surfaces a bit rough.

R. HUGHES LIST, OCT, 1980

M-4-L (R-1) Good, decent	40.00
Very Good, quite nice for grade	50.00
Fine	75.00
Very Fine, attractive toning	150.00

4-L

DICK AUGUST LIST, MARCH, 1980

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, SEPT, 1984

50 1787 Bust Left. M. 4-L. Horned Bust variety. Late die state. Choice Very Fine or better. Glossy Olive-Brown surfaces 200.00

51 1787 Bust left. M. 4-L. Another Horned Bust, also in the late die state. Choice Extremely Fine or better. Perfect light Brown surfaces 475.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1980'S

40 1787 Miller 4-L. "Horned Bust." Fine to Very Fine 50.00

41 1787 Miller 4-L. "Horned Bust." Late Die State. Nice Very Fine. 135.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST AUG, 1981

31 1787 Mailed Bust Left, M-4-L. "Horned Bust" in early die state before break developed. Very Fine. Light granularity 95.00

32 1787 Mailed Bust Left, M-4-L. "Horned Bust" in intermediate die state with break starting. Choice Very Fine or better, struck on a broad planchet. Excellent color and surfaces. 275.00

PAUL KAGIN LIST, APR, 1984

1787 Mailed Bust left M-4-L lustrous, medium brown - about uncirculated 395.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, MARCH, 1984

33 1787 Mailed Bust Left. M.4-L. "The Horned Bust" in the latest die state with break attach to bust. Choice Very Fine or better. Excellent detail in the mail, the reverse globe, and so forth. Glossy olive brown with lighter highlights.. 225.00

DAVID SONDERMAN, SEPT, 1984

120. 1787 Bust Left. M. 4-L. Horned Bust variety. Very Fine or better. A sharp dark olive coin with several patches of verdigris. 125.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1979

1787 Bust Left, M.4-L, (R-1), the "Horned Bust" type, the intermediate die state with crescent-shaped break at bust, choice Very Fine, well-struck and centered, medium glossy brown surfaces, excellent type coin. 95.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, SEPT, 1982

1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.4-L, the "Horned Bust" variety. An intermediate die state, with a fairly large break, but not yet attached to bust. Choice Very Fine or better, very well struck and centered. Glossy dark brown surfaces 180.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1978

1787 Horned Bust, M.4-L, (R-1), Very Fine, on a broad planchet, one small patch of very light obverse porosity, nice light brown color. 90.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1978

1787 Mailed Bust Left, M. 4-L, (R-1), the 'Horned Bust,' diebreak is 4 mm crescent away from bust, Fine, one noticeable edge nick ~~20.00~~.

1787 Mailed Bust Left, M. 4-L, another, same die state, Very Fine, well-struck and centered, an especially choice planchet. ..... 75.00.

1787 Mailed Bust Left, M. 4-L, a third, more advanced die state with break joined to bust, F-VF, some slight granularity on the obverse, otherwise very nice. ..... ~~35.00~~

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, APRIL, 1979

1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.4-L, (R-1). The popular "Horned Bust" type. Early die state without a trace of the break. Very Good, with details Fine, but light, uniform porosity. Nice centering. 25.00

1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.4-L, a duplicate, in an intermediate die dtate, with the break not yet attached to the bust. Dies by Walter Mould, the New Jersey coiner, and probably struck in that state. Fine or better, well struck and centered, with strong details. Some very light granularity, but beautiful light brown color. 45.00

1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.4-L, a triplicate, with the break fully attached to the bust, giving the coin its nickname. Choice Very Fine or better, very well struck and centered. There is a tiny rim clip at two o'clock, with gorgeous light brown surfaces that suggest a higher grade. Pictured in the Colonial Newsletter, p.385. ...125.00

R. MARTIN

4-L

HARMER ROOKE MILLION DOLLAR SALE PART 1, 1969

129 — 1787. Mailed bust l. M. 4-L, the variety usually found with "horned" bust, but here with only a tiny crescent break in field. Fine, bold, light steel color, excellent surfaces. Very scarce in this early die state.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #5 SUMMER, 1991

24. 1787 Miller 4-L, the "Horned Bust" variety. Very Fine. Three old obverse scrapes. An inexpensive, high-grade example of this popular variety.....$59

MIKE RINGO LIST MARCH, 1989

13. 1787 Horned Bust, M.4-L. A smooth Fine, but the edges are battered.... 20.00

MIKE RINGO LIST OCT, 1987

6. 1787 Horned Bust, M.4-L. A nice Fine with smooth tan surfaces..... 75.00

STACK'S I.L.S. RUDER SALE SEPT 9, 1987

21 1787 M.4-L. "Horned Bust." Very Fine, deep brown and olive toning; the reverse has some surface laminations. Full date. DARK POROSITY

$60.50

MIKE RINGO LIST, SEPT, 1984

3. 1787 Horned Bust, M.4-L. Fine, porous surfaces..... 25.00

4. 1787 Horned Bust, M.4-L. Very Fine, smooth medium brown surfaces. The early die state with no break at bust. Scarce..... 125.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, FEB, 1986

4. 1787 Horned Bust, M.4-L. Fine to Very Fine, chocolate brown surfaces with some darker obverse toning. An early die state, with the break just beginning to show in the field..... 75.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, JULY, 1986

6. 1787 Horned Bust, M.4-L. Very Fine, dark brown with some traces of old verdegris in the devices. Well centered with good details..... 75.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, JULY, 1986

7. 1787 Horned Bust, M.4-L. Very Good, lightly porous tan surfaces..... 25.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #2 DEC, 1981

2. 1787 Connecticut, Miller 4-L, "Horned Bust" variety. Fine-Very Fine 15. A well struck piece with one surface gouge on the reverse and one smaller gouge on the obverse. Overall nice looking and not as bad as the description sounds. $55

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #40 NOV 21, 1985

14. 1787 Miller 4-L. Fine, Porous. R-1. Horned Bust. $10

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #40 NOV 21, 1985

15. 1787 Miller 4-L. Very Good-Fine. R-1. Clean. Minor clip. $20

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #40 NOV 21, 1985

16. 1787 Miller 4-L. Fine-Very Fine. R-1. Early Statewithout obverse die break. Decent. $90

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #39 OCT, 1985

4. 1787 Horned Bust. Miller 4-L, R-1. Fine-12. Some porosity and green patina. Decent. ($30)

NORMAN PETERS LIST, OCT, 1981 WHT. 116.2 GRAINS

R. MARTIN 4/15/85 - J. ROCK

1787 4-L EARLY STATE OF HORNED BUST" NO TRACE OF HORN, SCARCE THUS VG.+ (17.50)

NORMAN PETERS LIST OCT, 1980

1787 40L, R1 HORNED BUST VAR. GOOD MILD HANDELING MARKS $6.00

4-L

VF/XF CHARCOAL BROWN

1787 4-L LATE DIE STATE WHT. 105.3 GR.
R. PICKER 10/72 - R. MARTIN 3/87 - D. MITUZAS

D. LINETT (SAN DIEGO SHOW) OCT 14-15, 1988

1248 1787 CONNECTICUT LOT of EIGHT, Includes: (2) M 4-L (Horned Bust) (Fine & VG) - ~~M 11-E (G) - M 16.6 NN.2 R.7! (VG) - M 30 kk.2 (F) - M 32.3 X.4 (G) - M 33.6 kk (F) & M 33.17 r.1 (VG). Sold "as is" as a lot, no return.~~ (8 coins).....(150-250)

KINGSWOOD DARTMOUTH SALE FEB 20, 1991

6569 1787 Connecticut copper. M 4-L. 116.5 grains. VF-20. So-called "Horned Bust" variety, the name deriving from the die break in the lower left obverse field. On this example, the break is full and engages the mail.

82.50

BOWER'S 'GREENWICH SALE JAN 24-25, 1991

2030 1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 4-L. "Horned Bust" variety. EF-40. 112.0 grains. Dark olive on both sides, rough strike. Later state of the obverse, the "horn" arising from the effigy's right shoulder and extending to below C of AUCTORI.

187.50

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

350-
350-

Lot No. 1372

HESSBERG

ABT XF
NICE COLOR
BUT FEW MINOR SCRATCHES

1372 **1787 Miller 4-L.** 142 grains. Mailed bust left, early die state of the popular "Horned Bust" variety showing crescent-shaped die break above shoulder. Well centered and a delightful glossy brown. Extremely Fine.

385.00

STACK'S F.P.L. FALL 1991 LOT# 35 AT $495.00 (PLATE)

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5667 Die state set of 1787 M 4-L. Rarity-1: ☆ Perfect obverse. G-4. 125.8 grains ☆ Very early obverse, "horn," a tiny cusp. VG-8, porous. 120.0 grains ☆ Early "horn" a thin cusp. F-12. 128.6 grains ☆ Full "horn." VG-8. 127.4 grains ☆ "Horn" longer, still free from bust. F-12 to 15. 141.9 grains ☆ As last but "horn" thicker now. F-12 to 15. 129.4 grains ☆ Full "horn," reaching bust. VG-8. 101.3 grains. (Total: 7 pieces)

Fourth and fifth ex Harmer Rooke/Million Dollar Sale (5/70):6119, 6118.

330.00

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 18, 1990

Lot No. 2389

2389 1787 Miller 4-L. The "Horned bust." Early die state, before the break began. Well centered, everything on the flan including the date. Deep jade green patina with the relief devices brown violet. Very Good, the reverse Fine.

82.50

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL JULY 22, 1992

2632 **1787 M 4-L.** MBL. "Horned Bust" variety. R-1. A die progression study trio. **Perfect obverse.** 129.6 gns. Very Fine, granular and dark; **Small "horn".** 138.2 gns. Very Fine. Dark, reverse scratched and flawed; **Longer "horn".** 109.8 gns. Choice Fine. Golden brown. Verdigris at right obverse edge. Once cleaned. Larger flan. 3 pieces.

110.00

An onalysis of the diameters, planchet colors, and die states of 66 different Miller 4-L specimens shows no correlotion whatsoever omong these three parameters. It has been claimed that M 4-L is found on broad New Jersey planchet stock (1975 EAC sale catalogue). This hypothesis does not appear to be borne out by the evidence of the specimens in this sample, however, the lorgest group of M 4-L yet assembled.

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

96 **1787** Miller 4-L. 100.8 grains. The "Horned Bust." Late die state, finely attached to the shoulder. **Very Fine,** olive-brown. Excellent detail. DARK

99.00

SUPERIOR'S OCT 7-9, 1990 SALE

7 **1787. Connecticut Cent. Mailed bust left. Miller 4-L. Very Fine 30.** Somewhat porous surfaces, but overall the coin is quite nice. And well struck, too.

KINGSWOOD 'DARTMOUTH SALE' FEB 20, 1991

7213 1787 Connecticut copper. M 4-L. "Horned Bust" variety. VF-20, obverse gouged. 139.2 grains. Intermediate state of the obverse die, the "horn" a full cusp in the left field. Dark olive.

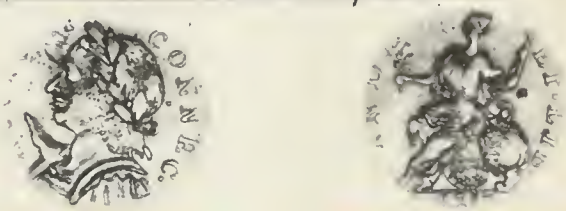
50.00

KINGSWOOD 'DARTMOUTH SALE' FEB 20, 1991

7214 Selection of 1787 Connecticut coppers: ☆ M 4-L. "Horned Bust" variety. F-15 ☆ ~~M 33.1-Z.18. F-12 ☆ M 33.15-r.1. F-12 ☆ together with a Fugio copper. VF-20~~ (Total: 4 pieces)

341.00

EAN MAIL BID SALE MAY 24, 1991



60 **1787 Cent, Miller 4-L, Breen-768, "Horned Bust", ANACS Certified Extremely Fine.** A quite lovely example of this major type, having excellent hard smooth surfaces and defect free characteristics. The coin is quite glossy and light chestnut brown in color with a couple of slightly darker areas. .....(450-600)

61 **1787 Cent, Miller 4-L, Breen-768, "Horned Bust", ANACS Certified Extremely Fine.** A second sharp example, being of the somewhat earlier die break state than the previous lot. This coin is well centered with super smooth, hard, glossy, deep dark chocolate surfaces. No major defects are noted and exceptionally pleasing and sharp. .....(450-600)

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

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200-

5380 **1787 Connecticut copper. M4-L. Mailed Bust left.** 134.5 grains. Rarity-1. F-15, or finer. A nice example of the "Hornless Bust," the early obverse state before the "horn" developed pronouncedly. Here, as Taylor:2400, the "horn" is a tiny cusp below the effigy's chin. Rough and lightly porous flan, deep olive-gray in color.

Ex Hays Collection; S.H. & H. Chapman's sale of the John G. Mills Collection (April 27, 1904), Lot 268; to Ryder. Hays ticket, Ryder ticket and envelope accompany this lot.

220.00

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5381 1787 Connecticut copper. M4-L. Mailed Bust left. 111.3 grains. Rarity-1. F-15. Dark, scratched. Somewhat porous flan. Full obverse "horn," as Taylor:2402

Ex Chapman stock, to Ryder. Ryder ticket and envelope accompany this lot. Called "Good" by Ryder.

77.00

4-L

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

110 BOOK

328 1787 Connecticut copper. M 4-L. Mailed Bust Left. VF-30. Rarity-1. 138.6 grains. Horned Bust variety. Middle state of the obverse die, with large, crescent-shaped horn not yet attached to effigy's mail. Glossy tan surfaces, virtually problem-free for the grade. An attractive specimen of this popular issue.

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6522 Trio of 1787 Connecticut copper varieties: ☆ M 4-L Mailed Bust Left G-6 Rarity-1 103.6 grains. Horned Bust variety A well-worn, medium chestnut specimen from the advanced state of the obverse die with "horn" die break firmly attached to effigy's bust An old attribution number is painted in the obverse fields in black ink ☆ ~~M 11.2-K Mailed Bust Left G-4 Rarity-3 131.2 grains Moderately off center on both sides, affecting the tops of RI CO on the obverse, and IN on the reverse Attractive for the grade, with a few faint old circulation marks noted for accuracy ☆ M 32.5-aa Draped Bust Left VG-8 Rarity-4 121.7 grains INDE/FU reverse Some obverse and reverse planchet fissures noted Faintly porous yet still attractive~~ (Total: 3 pieces)

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SEE BOWERS R.W. MILLER SALE NOV 20, 1992 LOT # 2363

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

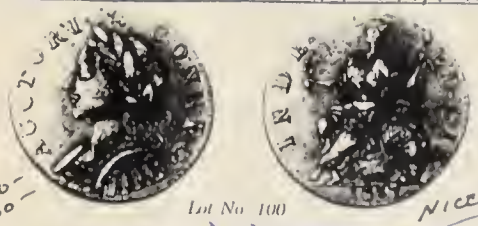
6520 Trio of 1787 Connecticut coppers ~~featuring various obverse~~ styles. ☆ M 4-L Mailed Bust Left VG-8, slightly porous Rarity-1. 108.5 grains. Horned Bust variety. From the advanced state of the obverse die, with "horn" firmly attached to effigy's bust, and evidence of clashing in the field beneath RI ☆ M ~~11-2-K Mailed Bust Left G-4 Rarity-3 131.6 grains Glossy chocolate brown surfaces with a hint of porosity and~~

110 1 OF 3 PIECES

EAN (LINNETT) 'ORLANDO SALE' AUG 9, 1992

63 1787 Cent, Miller 4-L, "Horned Bust", ANACS Certified-Extremely Fine. This coin is well centered with smooth, hard, deep chocolate surfaces. No major defects are noted and exceptionally pleasing and sharp. .....(300-350)

STACK'S ANS BENEFIT AUCTION NOV 17, 1993



650-700 Lot No. 100 NICE XF D. PARTRICK

100 1787 M.4-L. MBL. R-1. About Uncirculated. 142.6 gns. The "Horned Bust" variety, but here the horn has not yet grown out of the cusp-break in the lower left obverse field. Even olive brown. Surfaces granular in places, reverse scratch through shield

700

Ex Lester Merkin's October 31, 1973 Sale, lot 148 MT $300

Anonymous gift.

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

161 Pair of popular 1787 Connecticut copper varieties: ☆ M 4-L Mailed Bust Left. VF-30, lightly porous. Rarity-1. 110.6 grains. Popular Horned Bust variety, from moderately advanced state of the die with "horn" die break extending to the effigy's breastplate. Quite attractive despite the faint porosity ☆ ~~M 6-L M. Mailed Bust Left VF-20 Rarity-1. 104.5 grains. Die alignment 190°. An attractive specimen of the popular Laughing Head variety, with mahogany and chocolate brown surfaces. An attractive pair of Connecticut coppers.~~ (Total: 2 pieces) M. RINGO

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BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

162 1787 Connecticut copper. M 4-L Mailed Bust Left. F-15. Rarity-1. 115.2 grains. Horned Bust variety. Later state of obverse die with "horn" touching effigy's breastplate. Slightly off center to the left on the obverse, affecting the very top of the legend AUCTORI. A pleasing example of this popular variety.

61 BK

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6521 Another 1787 Connecticut copper trio ☆ M 4-L Mailed Bust Left. VG-8. Rarity-1 134.8 grains Horned Bust variety A pleasing tan specimen from the middle state of the obverse die, with the "horn" in the obverse field not yet extended to effigy's shoulder. A few faint obverse scratches do not detract from the overall appeal of this specimen Some areas of sharpness much finer than the assigned grade ☆ ~~M 11-2-K Mailed Bust Left G-6, perhaps finer for the issue Rarity-3 129.6 grains Dark chocolate brown surfaces verging on black, with a few faint obverse and reverse planchet fissures noted Actually more attractive than the scant description would imply ☆ M 32.5-aa Draped Bust Left G-6 weak and faintly porous at the center of obverse Rarity-4 143.0 grains Die alignment 280° INDE/FU variety Obverse as graded reverse perhaps F-12 A medium tan specimen with the overall eye appeal of a coin in much finer condition~~ (Total 3 pieces)

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KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6519 1787 Connecticut copper M 4-L Mailed Bust Left F-15 Rarity-1 119.6 grains Horned Bust variety From a later state of the die, with "horn" firmly joined to effigy s bust Faintly porous mahogany brown surfaces A faint, old obverse scrape does little to detract from the overall appeal of this piece Certainly, a worthwhile example of this popular variety

22 00

E.A.N. (LINNETT) ORLANDO SALE' AUG 9, 1992

64 1787 Cent, Miller 4-L, "Horned Bust", Extremely Fine. A second example being similar in grade but much earlier in die variety. The horn has only just begun to develop as a tiny mound in the field before the chin on the obverse. Somewhat granular in appearance, particularly on the reverse, but sharp in detail. .....(250-300)

BOWERS 'R.W. MILLER SALE' NOV 20-21, 1992

2361 1787 Connecticut copper. M 4-L. Mailed Bust Left. VF-30. Rarity-1 108.6 grains Horned Bust variety A light brownish tan specimen relatively free of circulation marks save for one tiny reverse edge bruise at 12:00. From the very late state of the dies, with large triangular shaped "horn" at effigy s bust, and heavy die clash appearing at the forehead area

88

STACK'S SALE DEC 1-2, 1993

925 1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 4-L. The "Horned Bust" variety. Rarity 1. Sharp Extremely Fine. 115.1 gns. Cleaned and recolored. Linear nicks on obverse connecting eye to opposite O; first reverse E scraped. Later state of the obverse, full "horn" break and bulge on OR.

375 450

4-L

WHT. 133.0 GR.

WHT. 135.5 GR.

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Figure 13: 1787 Horned Bust, Miller 4-L, from the Morristown mint from dies by Walter Mould with a reverse in common with the preceding coin. This issue may be found without a die break (LEFT), with the die break (RIGHT) "horn" on bust, in all stages of progression, and on either wide and narrow planchets. Illustrated specimens weigh 133.0 and 135.5 grains, respectively.

BOWERS' FRONTENAC SALE - NOV 20, 1991

335 1787 Connecticut copper. M 4-L. "Horned Bust." VF-35. Rarity-1. 138.8 grains. Glossy reddish brown. Some minor obverse and reverse roughness. Well centered. Intermediate obverse die state, the break does not touch the effigy's bust (as on Taylor:2401). A nice specimen for the advanced collector.

$308 130 250

From our sale of the Norweb Collection, March 1988, Lot 2502.

BOWERS' QUARTTE SALE - 3/26/92

1586 1787 Connecticut copper. M 4-L. "Horned Bust" variety. VF-35. Rarity-1. 138.8 grains. Glossy reddish brown surfaces, with some minor obverse and reverse roughness noted. Well centered. Intermediate obverse die state, with "Horned Bust" die break not quite touching the effigy's bust. A nice specimen for the advanced collector.

220 *From our sale of the Norweb Collection, March 1988, Lot 2502.*

BOWERS' QUARTTE SALE - MARCH 26, 1992

1587 1787 Connecticut copper. M 4-L. "Horned Bust" variety. VF-35. Rarity-1. 126.1 grains. A pleasing tan specimen from an early state of the obverse die, with the "horn" die break just a small crescent in the field beneath the effigy's profile. Struck slightly off center to the right on both sides, with CON on the obverse and LIB on the reverse mostly affected. Some striking weakness at the left reverse rim, and an insignificant patch of roughness is noted above Liberty's branch.

110

BOWERS' QUARTTE SALE - MARCH 26, 1992

1588 Pair of 1787 M 4-L "Horned Bust" Connecticut coppers, each grading VF-20 or slightly finer: ☆ 1787 Rarity-1. 125.7 grains. Very early state of the obverse die, with the "horn" barely 1mm in length. Medium tan surfaces, with tiny obverse rim bruises noted from 1:00 to 3:00 ☆ 1787 Rarity-1. 130.9 grains. Later state of the obverse die, with "horn" die break now quite large, nearly touching effigy's bust. A deep tan specimen, well centered, with just a touch of striking weakness on the reverse at 9:00. A nice pair for the specialist in Connecticut copper die varieties. (Total: 2 pieces)

214.50

SEE STACK'S SALE SEPT 21, 1994 LOT # 27
STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

(214) **1787 M.4-L (R-1). 125.9 grains. Fully developed "horn," and a further break at R on the upper left obverse. Lovely smooth light brown color. Choice Extremely Fine, almost Mint State.** XF 40 GOOD COLOR OFF CENTER J. PIERVINCENTI

412.50

From J. Hanson, privately in 1976.

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STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1973

970 **1787 M.4-L. MBL.** Another. Rarity 1. Fine. 130.6 gns. Black-brown, granular. Early obverse state, "horn" here just a cusp; ~~**1787 M.9-D. MBL.** Rarity 5. Very Good/Fine. 143.8 gns. Olive brown, obverse off center and granular. Die states as Taylor:2413; **1787 M.9-R. MBL.** Rarity 5. Good. 109.3 gns. Olive green, very granular. 1787/8 date illegible. Die states uncertain; **1787 M.11.2-K. MBL.** Strong Fine. 125.3 gns. Olive green and brown. Obverse lightly striated, reverse off center. Obverse break at CT not as advanced as on Taylor:2420; **1787 M.12-Q. MBL.** Rarity 5. About Good. Gray brown. Deeply flawed and laminated. Reverse scratched. 1787/1887 date barely legible. States as Taylor:2421; **1787 M.15-F. MBL.** CONNECT. Rarity 4. Fine. 88.7 gns. Pale tan. Reverse flawed through date, off center. Just base of second obverse T visible.~~ **6 pieces.**

120 180 198

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1973

969 **1787 M.4-L. MBL.** Rarity 1. Choice Very Fine. 133.7 gns. Even olive brown. Surfaces smooth, hard, semi-glossy, essentially flawless. Sharply struck. Small planchet cutter chip obverse above T. Slightly off center on both sides, to the left, tops of INDE partially off flan. From the perfect state of the obverse, before the "horn" break developed. NICE VF

From the Hillyer Ryder F.C.C. Boyd Collection. NO TICKET

50 190 209

BOWERS LEXINGTON SALE JAN 6, 1994

81 1787 Connecticut copper. M 4-L. Mailed Bust left. VF-30, stripped and recolored. Rarity-1. 100.8 grains. The popular Horned Bust variety from a moderately late state of the dies, with "horn" and "diebreak" joined to effigy's bust, and clash marks at forehead. Medium tan surfaces appear much finer than the scanty description eludes to.

154.00

BOWER'S R.W. MILLER SALE NOV 20-21, 1992

154.00

2360 1787 Connecticut copper. M 4-L. Mailed Bust Left. EF-40. Rarity-1. 112.3 grains. Horned Bust variety. From a very late state of the dies, with severe die clash at effigy's forehead on the obverse, and "horn" die break now resembling a large triangular-shaped chip. Deep olive-brown surfaces with lighter tan highlights on the high design points. A touch of minor porosity and a few light pits are noted, but still a most respectable example of this popular variety.

4-L

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 14, 1993

379.50

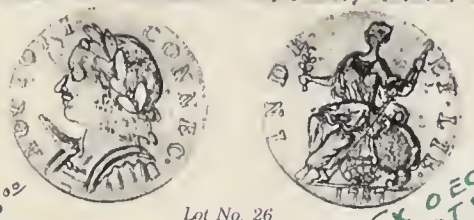
Lot No. 1978

1978 **1787 Mailed Bust Left.** M.4-L. Very Fine. 136.8 grains. "Horned Bust" early die states with curving die crack not joined to shoulder. A couple of scratches pierce the deep brown patina.

EAN MAIL BID SALE MARCH 18, 1995

80 **1787 CT Copper, Miller 4-L, an early, hornless state of the "Horned Bust" variety, Very Fine.** Rarity 1. Dark brown, with trivial scattered verdigris on both sides. Nicely detailed and quite scarce in such an early state. ..... (150-225)

STACK'S SALE SEPT 21, 1994



550.00

Lot No. 26

EX OECHSNER LOT #1066 AT $660.-

26 **1787 M.4-L. MBL.** R-1. The "Horned Bust" variety. Extremely Fine, reddish brown and lustrous. 146.7 gns. Die states as the next.

Ex Gunlocke Sale (Stack's, March 1989), lot 1522. AT $880

BOWERS 'SUNDERLAND COLL' MARCH 14, 1994

165 2261 Connecticut copper date set: ☆ ~~1785 Miller 3.4-F.1. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-3. 128.0 grains. Deep olive-brown surfaces with lighter tan areas on the design high points. Surfaces lightly granular in some areas.~~ ☆ 1786 M-5.4-O.1. Mailed Bust Left. VG-8. Rarity-2. 147.2 grains. Lightly porous olive and brown surfaces. Reverse punctuation faint ☆ 1787 M 4-L. Mailed Bust Left. F-15 for sharpness, surfaces uniformly porous with some faint but obvious scratches noted. Rarity-1. 119.6 grains. The popular Horned Bust variety. Reddish brown surfaces ☆ ~~1788 M-11-G. Mailed Bust Left. VG-8, sharper in some areas. Rarity-3. 146.3 grains. Sharper at the centers than at the rims. Medium brown surfaces exhibit some minor porosity. A planchet cutter lip encircles most of the obverse edge.~~ (Total: 4 pieces)

STACK'S SALE NOV 30, 1994

300/380 17 **Selection of Connecticut coppers:** ~~1785 Miller 1-B. Rarity-4. Bust right. Good/Fine;~~ **1787 M.4-L.** Horned Bust. R-1. Good/Fine; ~~**M.11.2-K.** R-3. Bust left. About Fine, **M.33.2-2-12.** R-1. Bust left. Near Very Fine, reverse patches of verdigris; **1788-M.2-D.** R-1. Bust right. Fine, rough; **M.11-G.** R-3. Bust left. Fine; **M.16.5-H.** R-6. Bust left. Very Good/Fine.~~ 7 pieces.

BOWERS 'R.W. MILLER SALE' NOV 20-21, 1992

77 2362 Trio of 1787 Connecticut coppers featuring various obverse styles: ☆ M 4-L. Mailed Bust Left VG-8, lightly porous medium brown surfaces Rarity-1 108.5 grains Horned Bust variety From a late state of the dies, with "horn" firmly attached to effigy's bust, and evidence of die clashing at effigy's forehead ☆

1 OF 3 PIECES

COIN GALLERIES 'PERKINS DUPS APRIL 14, 1993

275.00 1976 **Starter set of 1787 Mailed Bust Right varieties,** with some duplicates. Grades range from About Good to Fine, with most being Very Good to Fine. Usual planchet qualities for these grades. Most varying shades ~~of brown. **M.2-B.** Rarity-3;~~ **M.4-L.** Rarity 1. Full "Horn" break; **another.** No "Horn" break; ~~**M.6.1-M.** "Laughing Head". Rarity-1; **M.6.2-M.** "Second Laughing Head". Rarity-3; **M.9-R.** "1787-8 Overdate". **Rarity-6; another; a third; M.11.2-K.** Rarity-3; **another; M.13-D.** Rarity-4; **another; M.14-H.** Pheons at Date. Rarity-4; **M.15-F.** CONNECT. Rarity-4. The last of~~ the 1787 ~~MBR varieties until Miller~~ 52. 14 pieces. 2 PIECES

BOWER'S 'M.H.S. SALE NOV 18, 1994

3202 **1787 M 4-L.** Mailed Bust Left. F-12. Rarity-1. 111.5 grains. The 99 Horned Bust variety, but an early state of the obverse die, without the "horn" die break, and scarce as such. Deep brown surfaces display faint porosity.

BOWER'S 'M.H.S. SALE' NOV 18, 1994

UNSOLD 3203 1787 M 4-L. Mailed Bust Left. F-12. Rarity-1. 122.8 grains. Boldly double struck, but with a hole at the center of the flan. On the obverse, the double impression obscures the die state (without, with partial, or with full "horn"). On the reverse, two full dates and nearly full portraits of Liberty are present. Unusual and exciting

STACK'S SALE SEPT 21, 1994

495.00

Lot No. 27

27 **1787 M.4-L. MBL.** R-1. The "Horned Bust" variety. Another. Choice Extremely Fine, nearly Mint State. Lovely, smooth light brown color. Full obverse "horn" break, die severely clashed at R.

Ex Stack's Sale (January 1992), lot 214 AT $412.50

SUPERIOR GALLERIES MAY 30, 1994

19 1787 Connecticut Horned Bust. Very Fine 35. Pleasing dark patina with lighter high points that give contrast

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BOWERS M.H.S. SALE NOV 18, 1994

3181 A selection of Connecticut coppers, including several popular varieties: ☆ 1785 M 4.1-P.1. Mailed Bust Right. G-6 to VG-8. Rarity-1. 122.1 grains. A well-worn (but still pleasing) example of the African Head variety. Deep tan surfaces. ☆ 1787 M 4-L. Mailed Bust Left. G-6. Rarity-1. 103.6 grains. Horned Bust variety. Cleaned long ago, surfaces now steel brown with light porosity. Horn die break nearly attached to breastplate 1 OF 7 PIECES

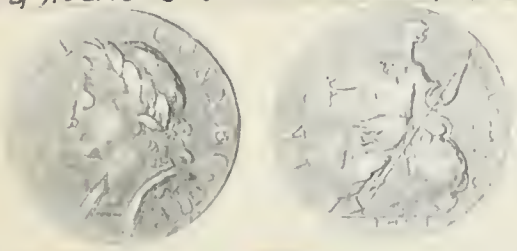
192.50

COIN GALLERIES SALE APRIL 12, 1995

1501 1787 M.4-L. Very Fine. 119.5 grains. A bold "Horned Bust" piece with some obverse porosity, exceptionally bold strike, medium brown surfaces.

192.50

M & G AUCTIONS L.T. SMITH JAN 7, 1995



88. 308 1787 CONNECTICUT M.4-L MAILED BUST LEFT EF-40. 126.9 gns. Commonly referred to as the "Horned Bust" variety due to the die break that protrudes out from the bust, although this variety in its earliest state shows no break. On this example the break exists in the field but has not yet joined up with the bust. Dark brown with some lighter high points, the planchet is free of damage but it has areas of micro-porosity leaving it with a somewhat dull appearance. Although this is among the most common of Connecticut coppers, numerous collectors over the years have enjoyed the challenge of assembling a progressive die

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

134 **1787 Connecticut coppers,** all save the last MBL. **M.4-L.** Another. Sharpness of Choice Extremely Fine, roughened in places, verdigris spots both sides. 120.7 gns. Full obverse "horn" break; ~~**M.5-P.**~~ ~~**R-6** (underrated, probably really High R-6). IN DE. Basal/Very Good, holed. 101.4 gns. Miller number in a coarse hand on obverse;~~ **M.9-D.** R-5 (underrated, probably really R-6). Very Good/Fine, obverse clip 12:30. 115.7 gns.; **M. 11.2-K.** R-3. Choice Very Fine, flawed, reverse clip and rim dents. 140.3 gns; **M.12-Q.** R-5. "1787/1887", IN DE. Strong Fine, flawed. 110.5 gns.; **M.17-g.3. Draped Bust Left.** Low R-4. Technically strong Fine to Very Fine, quite granular, old obverse scratches. 152.2 gns. **6 pieces.**

55, 300, 330

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

135 **1787 Connecticut coppers,** all MBL. **M.4-L.** A third. R-1. Strong Fine, full "horn." 111.1 gns; ~~**M.8.1-M.** R-1. "Laughing Head." Strong Very Fine, or so, obverse flawed across, sharpness in places of Extremely Fine. 127.3 gns; **M.11.2-K.** Another. R-3. Sharpness of Strong Very Fine, cleaned. 152.2 gns.~~ **3 pieces.**

~~The second from Bowers and Merena's sale of the "Frontenac" collection, November 20, 1991, lot 336.~~

210, 290, 308

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

136 **1787 M.4-L.** A fourth. R-1. Strong Fine/Fine. 141.2 gns., heavy for the issue. Obverse "horn" just a cusp; ~~**M.6.2-M.** MBL. R-3. Another "Laughing Head" variety. Fine/Very Good, obverse flawed on EG. 95.9 gns.; **M.8-O.** Another. Near Fine, granular, old reverse scratches. 139.2 gns.~~ **3 pieces.**

110, 120, 132

BOWER'S M.H.S SALE NOV 18, 1994

3204 **1787-dated Connecticut copper trio:** ☆ **M 4-L. Mailed Bust Left. F-12. Rarity-1. 106.8 grains. Horned Bust variety. A moderately late state of the obverse die, with "horn" die break now joined to effigy's breastplate. Glossy brown surfaces, choice for the grade** ☆ 1 OF 3 PIECES

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KINGSWOOD GALLERIES SALE JULY 13, 1992

6869 1787 Connecticut copper. M 4-L. Mailed Bust Left 116.5 grains. VF-20. So-called "Horned Bust" variety, the name deriving from the die break in the lower left obverse field. On this example the break is full and engages the mail. 66

COIN GALLERIES SALE APRIL 12, 1994

1569 **1787 Connecticut. Mailed bust left.** Miller 4-L. "Horned bust" variety with somewhat irregular obverse surfaces, reverse boldly detailed. Advanced obverse "horn" die break, attractive tan. Fine or a bit better.

126.50

BOWER'S M.H.S. SALE NOV 18, 1994

3092 1787 M 4-L. Mailed Bust Left. F-12. Rarity-1. 108.2 grains. The Horned Bust variety. Dark brown, lightly porous surfaces, not unusual for this variety. The "Horn" die break is now joined to the effigy's shoulder.

66

STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST SUMMER 1995

14 **1787 Horned Bust.** Miller 4-L. Extremely Fine. Chocolate-brown planchet with a very pleasing overall surface quality distinguishes this example of a popular variety. A lovely piece for any type collection. $525.00

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #4 SPRING, 1991

44. 1787. Miller 4-L, Breen 768. Rarity-1. The "Horned Bust" variety. 139.2 grains. Very Fine or slightly better. Full legends and date. There are a few small scrapes on the obverse, the most noticeable one being on the effigy's cheek. Available at quite a bit less than what a VF usually sells for! (PLATE).....$89

Fairly early die state, with the break still a small crescent, well away from the bust.

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STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

133 **1787 M.4-L. MBL.** R-1. Very Strong Very Fine. 143.4 gns., a heavy weight specimen. Nice olive brown and faint green on fairly smooth surfaces. The "Horned Bust" variety without the horn and so a bit harder to find than the usual broken obverse state. OK++

50, 130

STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1999

49 **1787** ~~**M.2-B. MBL.** R-3. Very Good-Fine, some areas of about Very Fine sharpness. 144.1 gns. Olive brown, some light surface pitting, Hall attribution number painted on obverse;~~ **M.4-L. MBL.** R-1. Choice Very Fine, a nice example in the perfect obverse state, without "horn." 134.4 gns. Olive and golden brown on a slightly oval planchet; ~~**M.11.1-E. MBL.** R-2. Rough strong Fine, gray-brown. 144.4 gns. Slightly off center to the left. Hall attribution number painted on obverse.~~ **3 pieces.** JIM GOUDGE

190, 220, 242

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EAC CONVENTION SALE APRIL 19, 1997

22 DATE: 1787 Connecticut VARIETY: M4-L RARITY: 1
SHARPNESS: 10 NET: 6 CONDITION: A
COMMENTS: $85.00
Mailed Bust-Horned Bust. Reddish brown from an old cleaning. Reasonably smooth surfaces. Some minor rim disturbances. Old, light scrape from forehead to hair ribbon at back of head. DOUBLE STRUCK, but the obv. is very subtle. The first rev. strike was 30% off-center toward 9:00. The second strike wipes out most of the first strike.

28 1787 M4-L 1 VF 30 VF 20
$230 EAC CONVENTION SALE MAY 4, 1996
CONNECTICUT. MAILED BUST LEFT. HORNED BUST. Brown with some darker brown staining on upper obv. Choice, glossy surfaces. Small drill mark at back of LIBERTY's head. Early die state with a tiny die break below chin. AVERAGE.

29 1787 M4-L 1 VF 25 F 15
$160 EAC CONVENTION SALE MAY 4, 1996
CONNECTICUT. MAILED BUST LEFT. HORNED BUST. Reddish-brown with lighter devices. Smooth surfaces. Area of green corrosion below OR. Small planchet clip at top. Late die state with horn from bust. AVERAGE.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

119 "1787" Connecticut, Miller 4-L, a third [kind of]. 146.3 grains. An ELECTROTYPE copy of this popular variety, though this piece taken from a specimen without the famous diebreak. The original was quite high grade, probably an EF or AU, and well centered with full legends and date. This electro has been aged a bit and has some surface roughness as expected. Electrotypes of Connecticut coppers are quite unusual as they were never a very expensive series in the past and would not have been extensively counterfeited. A neat association piece for the specialist. WAS $19.....NOW $14

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

118 1787 Connecticut, Miller 4-L, another. 117.5 grains. Choice Very Fine, not quite as sharp as the above coin, but certainly better than average. The legends are nearly complete (the A of AUCTORI is weak at the top, and the E of INDE is weak), with the very tops of those on the right side of the coin tight at the planchet edge. The date is full. Attractive medium brown surfaces, with just the faintest circulation marks consistent with the grade, but no real post-striking damage or defect of note. Much later die state than the above coin, with a large, fully developed obverse die break that is firmly attached to the bust. A pleasing middle grade example of this issue that is common enough in lower grades but getting damed difficult to find in anything better than VF. Should please the type collectors at our price of only.....$179

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE OF THE HORNED BUST VARIETY!

117 1787 Connecticut, Miller 4-L, the "Horned Bust" variety. 126.9 grains. Rarity-1. Choice Extremely Fine. Boldly struck, with all of the design details razor sharp and the legends and date full, the latter with a full row of denticles below it. Amazingly sharp design detail, among the strongest that we've ever sen on the variety, every strand of hair on the obverse effigy is sharp as is every line in the globe and every fold of Liberty's dress on the reverse. Dark chocolate brown surfaces, completely free of any sort of damage or defect and with overall eye appeal that borders on incredible. Relatively early die state with a crescent die break in the field but still not attatched to the bust. By far the sharpest specimen that we've ever had in stock, surpassing the pair of EF's that were featured on our first price list with Jack Collins way back in 1989! Although this is one of the most common varieties of Connecticut copper it is still quite difficult to locate anywhere near this quality. The Roper coin was an AU and brought $660 in that weak market. EF examples were in the EAC '75, Robison and the Oecshner sales, the latter two bringing $675 and $660 respectively. Hessberg's was EF but heavily scratched. Not only is this a wonderful example of the popular Horned Bust variety, it is a first-class example of the general type and one that has got to seem ridiculously affordable at just.....$409

Many collectors have assembled large groupings of this vanety based on the state of the die break, from the earliest unbroken state to the latest state with a massive horned break connected the obverse effigy's bust. The late Ned Bamsley once assembled a collection of 26 different die states!

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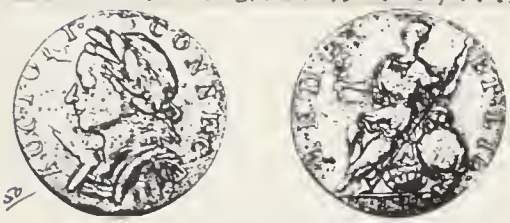
COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 8, 1995



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Lot No. 2979

2979 **1787 Miller 4-I.** "Horned Bust." Extremely Fine. 112.9 grains. Mailed Bust Left shows the bold horn-like die break from shoulder that gives this popular variety its name. Full date pleasing olive-brown and thoroughly appealing.

COIN GALLERIES SALE APRIL 10, 1996

3002 **Selection of 1787 Connecticut Coppers.** M.4-L. R-1. Very Good/Fair, very granular; ~~M.31.1-c.4. R-1. Fine, scratched; M.32.1-X.3. R-2. Very Good, rim damaged; M.32.2-X.1. R-2. Fine, pitted reverse; M.32.3-X.4. R-2. Fine, dark and very granular; M.32.5-an. R-4. INDE/VU. Very Good/About Fine; M.33.1-Z.13. R-4. Very Good to Fine, later die states~~. 7 pieces. **SOLD AS IS. NO RETURNS.**

BOWERS & HALPERN SALE MARCH 24, 1995

3335 **Selection of Connecticut coppers**, including several popular varieties: ☆ ~~1785 African Head. M-4.1-F.4. G-6 to VG-8. Rarity-1. 122.4 grains. Typical weakness at rims. Deep tan surfaces~~ ☆ 1787 Horned Bust. M 4-L. G-6. Rarity-1. 103.6 grains. Cleaned long ago. Surfaces are now steel brown with light porosity 1 OF 7 PIECES

BOWERS "SEBRING & GARBE SALE" MARCH 21, 1996

1084 Selection of Connecticut coppers: ☆ 1787 M 4-L. Mailed Bust Left. Horned Bust variety. VF for sharpness, but cleaned and dished. 116.2 grains. Rarity-1 ☆ ~~1787-M-11.1-E. Mailed Bust Left. Good. 135.2 grains. Rarity-2. Reverse edge bruise~~ ☆ ~~1787-M-32.2-X.1. Draped Bust Left. Good. 115.9 grains. Rarity-2. Damage at obverse bust and in reverse field~~ ☆ ~~1787-M-33.7-r.2. Draped Bust Left. Choice Fine. 153.2 grains. Rarity-1. A few natural flan flaws~~ ☆ ~~1787-M-11-W.4. Draped Bust Left. Fine for sharpness, but bent and uniformly porous. 195.3 grains. Rarity-1~~ ☆ ~~1788-M-9-E. Mailed Bust Left. VG, lightly porous with natural flan flaws. 110.7 grains. Rarity-5~~. (Total: 6 pieces)

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

270-297 00

272 1787 CONNECTICUT COPPER. M. 4-L. THE HORNED BUST (R-1) EF40 100.8 grains. Choice mahogany surfaces. Some tiny circulation marks, none disturbing. Some light porosity in the reverse fields. Very little actual wear, all details bold. Full horn extending past I'. die clashes near R. A very nice example of this common variety.

"SUPERIOR" STEINBERG SALE" SEPT 16, 1996

1439 1787 Connecticut. Horned Bust Left. Fine 15. A long curved die imperfection as a horn extends from the shoulder of the figure represented on the obverse. 154

BOWERS & HALPERN SALE MARCH 24, 1995

3337 1787 M 4-L. Mailed Bust Left. Fine. 122.8 grains. **Boldly double struck**, but with a hole at the center of the flan. On the obverse, the double impression obscures the die state (without, with partial, or with full "horn" details). On the reverse, two full dates and nearly full portraits of Liberty are present. Uniformly porous.

BOWERS "HALPERN SALE" MARCH 24, 1995

3336 1787 M 4-L. Mailed Bust Left. VF. 110.5 grains. Horned Bust variety. **Double struck.** From a later state of the die, with "horn" die break now attached to effigy's breastplate. Boldly double struck with the second impression not too far off the first strike, but with all legends, date, and devices visually doubled. Olive-brown surfaces.

EAN AUCTION (DANA LINETT) MARCH 21, 1992

71 **1787 Cent, Miller 4-L, "Horned Bust", ANACS Certified-Extremely Fine.** This coin is well centered with smooth, hard, deep chocolate surfaces. No major defects are noted and exceptionally pleasing and sharp. .....(375-450)

EAN AUCTION (DANA LINETT) MARCH 21, 1992

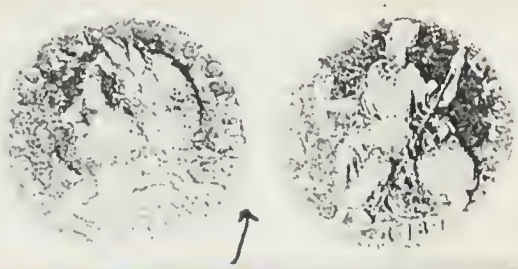
72 **1787 Cent, Miller 4-L, "Horned Bust", Extremely Fine.** A second example being similar in grade but much earlier in die variety. The horn has only just begun to develop as a tiny mound in the field before the chin on the obverse. Very minutely granular in appearance but sharp. .....(250-350)

BOWERS "SEBRING & GARBE SALE" MARCH 21, 1996

1083 1787 Connecticut copper. Mailed Bust Left. M 4-L. Choice VF. The Horned Bust variety. Rarity-1. 141.0 grains. A lovely specimen of a popular variety that is seldom found this problem-free. From a moderately early die state with the "horn" die break just a small crescent in the obverse field. Attractive olive-brown surfaces. 264 00

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

326 495 TWO CONNECTICUT COPPERS. ~~1785 AFRICAN HEAD M.4.1 F.4 (R1) AG2. 140.3 gns. Fair, but identifiable. A counterfeit that was probably in circulation at least until the Truman administration~~. With 1787 HORNED BUST MILLER 4-L R-1 VG10. 132.4 gns. Perhaps fine, but some minor pitting. Even brown. Attributed to Mould of Morristown. Early die state, the horn a small disconnected break hanging below the chin. Two popular type coins.



STEVE HAYDEN FIXED PRICE LIST #2 OCT. 1996

10 Conn 1787 M B L. M. 4-L R1 VF 109.5 grains. "Horned Bust" variety. Slightly granular brown with darker surfaces. Small obverse rim bump between O and R. 115.00

McCawley & Grellman "C4 Griffee" Oct 21, 1995
Lot #91 Of all state coppers known, Maris 56-n and 1787 Connecticut Miller 4-L are the two most common varieties. The cataloguer stopped listing specimens of 56-n when he reached 165 different examples! As Dr. Phillip Mossman, author of the award-winning Money of the American Colonies and Confederation has pointed out, the obverse and reverse dies used for creating M.56-n must have been exceptionally robust and long lived to have struck so many coins with such little sign of damage during their lives. Dr. Mossman made the intriguing suggestion that M.56-n may have been entirely hubbed, and that there may actually have been more than one identical set of working dies used to make the combination. As far as the cataloguer knows, this suggestion has not yet been followed up, although it would be an extremely interesting one to pursue.

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McCawley & Grellman "C4 Barnes" Oct 12, 1996
201 121 1787 CONNECTICUT M.4-L. MBI. (R-1) VF-25. 118.6 gns. "Horned Bust" variety, here in a late die state. Fairly smooth but faintly matte like. Rougher at a few obverse points, most notably below I:C and to a lesser extent near 6:00. Well struck with consistently strong detail.

Bowers "Alexander Sale" Nov 14-16, 1996
1659 1787 Connecticut. Horned Bust. M.4-L. EF-45. 112.3 grains. Dark olive-brown with very minor corrosion
275

Coin Galleries Sale Feb 12, 1997
1808 **1787 Mailed Bust left. Miller 4-L.** Fine. 113 grains.
77 Horned Bust left, very advanced die break, somewhat porous light brown, traces of old encrustation.

1787 M.4-L UNCIRCULATED. EARLY STATE.
ANTHONY TERRANOVA COLLECTION
EX CHRISTIE'S SALE IN GROUP LOT

Rosa Americana Ltd Fixed Price List #12 Spring, 1997

A UNIFACE STRIKING OF OBVERSE 4
The "Horned Bust" Die
UNIQUE!!!

108 1787 Connecticut. Miller 4 obverse as a UNIFACE STRIKE. Rarity-8 for the error. 117.8 grains. Very Fine or so, weak at the left side of the obverse, losing most of the word AUCTORI. CONNEC is full, though the top of the first C is off the planchet. Good central design detail, with nearly full mailing and some hair detail. Attractive glossy honey brown surfaces, with just some minor circulation marks, none of them of any major note. The present coin is a UNIFACE STRIKE, an error that can only have been produced in one way: two blank planchets were placed into the press at the same time [intentionally or accidentally] and this "sandwhich" was struck, one black receiving an obverse impression, the other a reverse. As expected from this type of arrangement, an extremely faint "ghost" of the missing design can be seen when the piece is held at an angle to a bright light. An extremely rare error, the first and only one that we have recorded for this die pairing, and only the third such Connecticut copper that we have records of. An amazing coup for the Connecticut copper or error specialist, and a coin that can not be replaced even if five or ten times as much money were offered!.....$799

The Richard Picker collection contained a uniface striking of the reverse of a New Jersey copper Maris bb. We're pleased to also offer a uniface New Jersey copper on this price list as well [which actually came from two different sources]; please refer to the uniface Maris 45 obverse offered below.

Rosa Americana Ltd Fixed Price List #13 Summer 1998
172. 1787 Connecticut. Miller 4-L, another. 160.4 grains. Extremely Fine or better. A high grade CAST copy of a sharp original example of this popular type. Full, bold legends, date and all the design details quite sharp. Light olive brown color with a few darker spots on either side. Interestingly enough, this was made from an example WITHOUT the Horned Bust diebreak, itself quite a rarity in the series. Inexpensive at just.....$12

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1787 M.4-L ABOUT UNCIRCULATED. INTERMEDIATE STATE.
ANTHONY TERRANOVA COLLECTION
EX BOWERS "TAYLOR SALE" MARCH 27,1987 Lot#3047 (PLATE)
PREVIOUSLY KAGINS SALE #313 SEPT 29-30,1978 LOT#1643 (PLATE)

1787 M.4-L ABOUT UNCIRCULATED. LATE STATE
ANTHONY TERRANOVA COLLECTION
EX OECHSNER COLLECTION PRIVATELY

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

171. 1787 Connecticut. Miller 4-L, the "Horned Bust" obverse. Rarity-1. 110.2 grains. Extremely Fine detail, and quite boldly impressed. The legends and date are full and bold, though the very tips of AUCTO are slightly off the planchet. Vivid design details, with strong hair, mailing and drapery. The planchet is a medium brown with surfaces that have an even sheen of micro roughness, somewhat common on this variety. No post-striking damage or defect. Later state of the "Horned Bust" diebreak on the obverse, with the break fully attached to the bust, but still a bit thinner than the terminal state. If this coin had hard and glossy surfaces it would easily have a $500 pricetag. As is, you get all the detail of that coin, but at a much lower price. Given that the piece has no post-striking damage, it sounds even more attractive at just.....$109

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "DOOLEY" JAN 11, 1997

025. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.4-L MBL R1 VF30 126.9 gns. "Horned Bust" Tan with smooth glossy surfaces. A couple tiny rim marks. Fully developed horn from bust.

EARLY AMERICAN HIST. AUCT. APRIL 26, 1997

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552 1787 CT Copper, "Horned Bust", Extremely Fine. Miller 4-L. A very advanced example, with a well-developed horn protruding from the bust. Some roughness in the central areas is noted, but this appears to be congenital and not the result of any reactive processes. The smooth surfaces are a deep, olive brown color and they contrast nicely with the lighter, brown high points. .... (475-550)

EARLY AMERICAN HIST. AUCT. APRIL 26, 1997

553 1787 CT Copper, "Horned Bust, Fine. 138.9 grains. Miller 4-L. Rarity 1. Red-brown in color, with scattered surface microporosity. This piece shows an early state of the "horn", with just a small bloh of metal appearing in the field in front of the bust. ..... (125-150)

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McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

160. 132 1787 CONNECTICUT M.4-L MBL (R-1) VF25 108.4 gns. The "Horned Bust" again. An even mid olive brown, fairly smooth with some scattered light porosity but no real problems. The horn fully extended but not yet wide at it's full base width.

C. WHITFORD AUCTION APRIL 25, 1997

1252P. 1787 Connecticut. M. 4-L. "Horned Bust" variety, typical later die state VF, cpl. indentations obv.

1252

BOWER'S "ROSSI & WILSON" SALE MAY 30, 1997

39 1787 Connecticut copper. Mailed Bust Left, Horned Bust variety. M 4-L. EF-40. Pleasing chocolate brown.

605

Weight: 104.3 grains. Diameter: 1.064 inches.

The Horned Bust variety of 1787 takes its name from a small, horn-shaped die break that developed over the life of the obverse die. Specimens are known without the break, and in various stages of the break as it develops to its "full horn" status. Some collectors have assembled die state collections of M 4-L.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "DOOLEY" JAN 11, 1997

026. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.4-L MBL R1 VF20 129.4 gns. "Horned Bust" variety, here in an intermediate to late die state with the horn fully formed but not yet connecting with the bust. A light chestnut brown and quite reflective though the planchet is naturally rough at a few points. Slightly uneven strike with some detail of a higher grade.

COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 19, 1998

2519 **1787 Connecticut.** M.4-L. Very Fine, cleaned, horn shows; ~~M.30-1.1. Fine/Very Good; M.37.19-HH. Very Good; heavily striated~~. 3 pieces.

COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 19, 1998

2520 **1787 Connecticut.** Miller 4-L. Horned Bust. Good; ~~1787 New Jersey. Maris 48-g. Extremely Fine~~. 2 pieces.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "MAIL BID SALE" JAN 18, 1997

734 1787 CONNECTICUT M.4-L "HORNED BUST" SIX STATE DIE PROGRESSION SET Six coins showing the progression of the "horn" that seemingly emanates from the left of the obverse Bust towards the rim (but actually grew from the other side) from the early "hornless" state to the full attached horn. A fascinating study set with the die break first appearing as a mere speck in the obverse left field, gradually widening and growing to its final stage. This lot includes 6 of the 7 coin set that was sold in B & M's Schenkel Sale, 11/90 566 7. The seventh coin shows a nearly fully developed horn not quite attached to the Bust, number 6 of the full 7 coin progression. It is an attractive type coin in its own right that appears separately in the floor bid portion of this sale. The average grade of the coins in this lot is Fine: all are more or less medium olive brown. They range from fairly smooth to fairly porous but none excessively so, most are otherwise problem free and none have major damage. The Schenkel ticket comes with this lot.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

161. 77 1787 CONNECTICUT M.4-L MBL (R-1) F15 111.5 gns. The "Horned Bust" again. Dark olive, the surfaces finely granular but appearing fairly smooth. Die state as above. Minor rim bruise at 11:00 reverse, but no real problems. A "yellow ink" coin with the attribution in the left obverse field.

4-L

McCawley & Grellman 3rd C4 Sale Nov 8, 1997

265-
290-
319 00

159. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.4-L MBL (R-1) VF20 106.7 gns. The "Horned Bust". Dark olive brown, some raised points fainter, on glossy almost hard surfaces. Full horn though not its latest state. Two light pin scratches intersect at Liberty's neck, otherwise free of problems.

McCawley & Grellman 3rd C4 Sale Nov 8, 1997

145-
145-
139 00

162. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.4-L - DOUBLE STRUCK - MBL (R-1) F12 120.5 gns. The "Horned Bust" again and again. Chocolate brown with a brighter rub at some high points. Surfaces fairly smooth and highly reflective. A few fairly insignificant marks, with a toned reverse scratch down towards the rim from Liberty's outstretched hand the only one worth even noting. Obverse struck to left, legends there gone with only part of the right legends now visible (there has been detail lost to the double strike). Doubling clearest at top and back of head. Most dramatic on the reverse is a second date half present directly over the first. Legends much the same as on the obverse, the shield also shows rather strong doubling.

McCawley & Grellman 3rd C4 Sale Nov 8, 1997

200-
210-
231-

163. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.4-L - DOUBLE STRUCK MBL (R-1) F15 110.4 gns. The "Horned Bust" again and again, again. "Double your pleasure, double your fun, with double good, double done, double struck horns" (sorry, I couldn't resist). Faintly granular, but glossy none the less, olive brown surfaces. Signs of doubling are most everywhere. Most prominent on the obverse is a distinct and significant double profile of the face (a pronounced double chin). Also legend letters have frequently collided, often leaving fragments in their wake. Same goes for the reverse legends. Parts of two dates are clear with their respective lines, and Miss Liberty looks like she may have had her breasts done (which may be why she has two dates hanging around).

Stack's Sale Jan 14, 1998

159. 1787 M.4-L. Mailed Bust Left. Horned Bust. R-1. 106.6 gns. Extremely Fine. Dark brown in color on both sides. Surfaces microgranular.

300-
300-
330

Full obverse horn break from shoulder to field and nearly to below C, clash marks between forehead and base of R. Reverse perfect, as usual.

Stack's Sale Jan 14, 1998

160. 1787 M.4-L. Another. 110.6 gns. Extremely Fine, a coin with good eye appeal. Rich, deep brown in color, the surfaces.

300-
325-
357 00

Slightly earlier state of the obverse horn break than the preceding, the horn does not reach to below C and there are no clash marks, yet.

Rosa Americana Ltd FPL #14 Summer 1999

139. 1787 Connecticut Copper. Miller 4-L, the "Horned Bust" obverse. Rarity-1. 108.9 grains. Nearly Extremely Fine, many details firmly in that grade level, others a bit weaker as struck. Full legends on either side, the ones on the right hand side of the coin a bit close to the edge of the planchet and consequently a tad weaker than the rest. The date is sharp, with just the very bottom close to the edge. Good design detail, quite close indeed to full EF quality with full mailing, but a bit weak at the obverse effigy's hair. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in the left obverse field as 4 L, in white India ink – the hand quite sure, but apparently not the same fine attribution that was once thought to be Miller's own (and is now suspected to be Frederick Canfield's). Dark brown, nearly ebony surfaces with slightly lighter devices and legends; the surfaces are overall quite hard, but a bit on the dull side. There are no post-striking defects such as nicks, scratches or the like, and overall the eye appeal of the coin is quite nice. While not a rare variety – it is one of the more common of all the Connecticut coppers – it is still difficult to find in high grade. The fact that it is also a major type coin, means that the surviving population is split between both variety and type collectors, further depleting the supply of nicer specimens. This one is priced right at just.....$299

Medium-late die state, the obverse die break a nice crescent shape, firmly connected to the effigy's bust but still a bit on the thin side. Later die states, such as the piece in the following lot, have the diebreak considerably widened.

Rosa Americana Ltd FPL #14 Summer 1999

140. 1787 Connecticut Copper. Miller 4-L, another. 110.5 grains. Extremely Fine. Boldly struck, sharper overall than the above coin. The legends, date and all of the design details are quite strong, showing a wealth of hair, face and mailing detail on the obverse, and full globe lines, significant drapery and facial features on the reverse. Medium brown surfaces that are hard and a bit glossy, but which have a light encrustation of a darker color around some of the devices; this appears to be removable, and is clearly sitting atop the surfaces, NOT a corrosion of any type that has eaten in to the fields. A long soak in olive oil should loosen up the encrustation enough for it to be dislodged, though as dealers in the series the most that we can ethically do is brush the surfaces with Xylol. Really quite a nice example of the variety, accurately priced if the gunk is not removable, and a bargain if it is; given the nice strike, the very late die state and the good color, we think it a great buy.....$199

Very late die state, the obverse break fully formed, firmly attached to the bust and quite thick. Even though this obverse broke quite early in its life – the variety is extremely rare in the perfect die state – given the rarity of the variety today, the die survived for an exceptionally long time and continued to strike pieces. Since the break was an internal one (not extending to the edge of the die), we suspect that the coiners put some sort of vice or clamp on the die to keep it together while they pounded out as many pieces as they could.

4-L

4-L

STACK'S SALE SEPT 16, 1997

118 **1787 M.4-L.** Mailed Bust Left. Horned Bust. R-1. 106.6 gns. Extremely Fine. Dark brown in color on both sides. Surfaces only microgranular, appear hard to the naked eye. Full obverse horn break from the effigy's shoulder reaching into the field nearly to below C; plus the clash marks between the forehead and the base of R associated with the late state of the obverse. Reverse perfect, as usual. The 4-L dies were among the strongest and longest lived of all colonial era dies. Only the 1787 56-n New Jersey dies rivalled them for the number of coins they struck. Breen wrote in the 1975 EAC catalogue that 4-L's were known on broad New Jersey planchets, but we have never seen one and doubt the observation.

400-
400-
440-

DARK

On the strength of observations such os 4-L's on broad New Jersey planchets, what he believed were punch links between Morristown Mint coppers and Connecticut's he felt were mode at Machin's Mills, and the belief that Machin's Mills was an illegal mint, Walter Breen decided that when Walter Mould closed down his mint in Marristawn and fled New Jersey in the summer of 1788, he sold his coining equipment ta Thomas Mochin. In Breen's hypothesis, Machin's cantinued making New Jersey coppers using Mauld's minting mochinery, along with a host of ather spurious coppers.

Breen's hypathesis has unfartunately not stood the test of time. The broad New Jersey planchet stack he thought he saw has never been confirmed by ather observers. The punch links he felt he hod discovered, particularly the horseshoe shaped U, have been shown to be illusory. The evidence far Thamos Machin's involvement with caunterfeiting hos no cantemparary evidence ta suppart it, and is based salely on the apinians of later numismatists, mast of wham simply repeat what they learned from Breen.;) ?

BOWER'S "MINNING SALE" AUG 31, 1999

1,495.00

MARIS PLATE (1975)

1012 **1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 4-L. Mailed Bust Left. EF-40.** Horned Bust variety. An attractive chocolate brown specimen with some lighter chestnut toning on the high points. From an intermediate state of the obverse die: the horn-like die break forms a crescent in the field beneath the effigy's chin, but is not yet connected to the bust. Decidedly free of the often-seen porosity, and very pleasing overall. Indeed, this specimen must certainly be among the finest known at the present grade level. Attribution number painted in left obverse field, a common practice decades ago by Miller and number of early specialists.

Weight: 141.7 grams; diameter: 28.7 mm

From Superior's sale of the Barry Collection, January 1983, Lot 5.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 16, 1997

119 **1787 M.4-L.** Another. 110.6 gns. Extremely Fine, a coin with good eye appeal. Both sides are a rich, deep brown in color. The surfaces are microgranular, but appear hard to the naked eye. The obverse horn break granular. Slightly earlier state of the obverse horn break than on the the preceding; the horn does not reach to below C and there are no clash marks yet. DARK

400-
400-
440-

Ex Jim King in November, 1971.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 16, 1997

120 **1787 M.4-L.** A third. 124.4 gns. About Extremely Fine. Light olive brown in color. Both surfaces smooth and hard in appearance, with only minor granularity. Die states as the first's in this series, the full horn break reaching to below C and the associated clash marks at R. On this specimen, the horn break seems to be thickening along its length. NICE COLOR

400-
800-
880-

STACK'S SALE SEPT 16, 1997

121 **1787 M.4-L.** A fourth. 138.7 gns. Choice Very Fine, light golden brown in color. Both surfaces microgranular, only. Early obverse state, the horn break just starting and resembling the cusp of the moon. No clash marks yet.

425-
450-
495-

Ex Blackburn & Blackburn in June, 1974.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 16, 1997

122 **1787 M.4-L.** A final specimen of the Horned Bust variety. 137.9 gns. Nearly Very Fine, good olive brown color, microgranular surfaces. Die states as the preceding's.

350-
400-
440-

Ex Jim King in November, 1971.

PINE TREE/EAC '75 SALE FEB 15, 1975

5-P

Very Rare Type With Branch
Dividing IN DE
Possibly Finest Known

95 **1787. M. 5-P.** R-7. Obv. punctuated with three periods; rev. branch hand divides IN DE, three periods in legend, tiny hand-cut date; this peculiar division of the legend is found only on two reverses, P & Q (following). **Some devices better than VG, others weaker as struck;** everything legible though EF are faint; dark purplish patina, no noticeable nicks or scratches; couple of light edge planchet defects as made. Attribution 5P in left obv. field, M at right. **Exceedingly rare and apparently unknown finer!** The ANS coin will not grade fully Good; the Dr. Hall, Brand, New Netherlands coin is pierced; the "Almost Fine" example in the Bowers April 1972 list is much weaker than the present coins; we have heard of three other worn examples, and that is all. No pedigree came with this piece, but we believe it to be the Miller coin, especially considering the attribution on obverse. **(Photo)** ?? **($300.–up)**

$185

EX. CANFIELD PDV

EAC '75

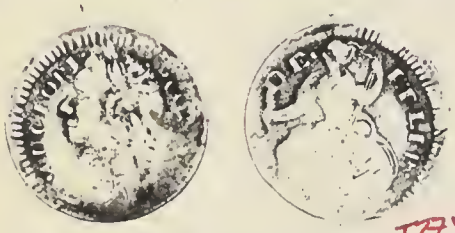
95

HENRY C. MILLER SALE' MAY 26-29, 1920

1870 Head 1. AUCTORI. . CONNEC Rx. Lib. to 1, IN—DE. ETLIB. C. 5-P.
Rarity 6. Good. 2 25

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

NOT AS BAD AS PLATE



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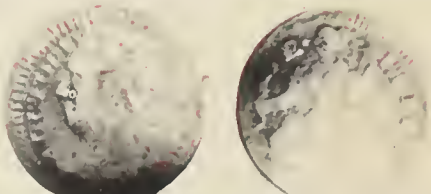


BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972

1787 Mailed bust left. 5-P (R-6). Absent from our *Review* No. 12 offering. Abt. Fine 149.00

2403 **1787 Connecticut. M 5-P. Mailed Bust Left.** 114.6 grains. R-6. VG-8 for sharpness; overall F-15 or better in terms of actual wear. M 5-P is a notorius variety for off center strikes and extreme weakness of the obverse. Refer to the Garrett specimen and the Pine Tree/E.A.C. plates for other illustrations. Very soft, virtually no definition visible on the effigy's bust and the final three letters of the obverse legend. Reverse struck off center, but date full. Golden brown and dark brown surfaces; only minutely porous. Probably within the Condition Census for the variety, as it is sharper in some places than the Pine Tree E.A.C. specimen. The second finest seen after the Garrett coin.

$143

Only reverses P and Q separate the legend IN DE • ET LIB • This division, with IN and DE separated by Liberty's hand and branch, makes the reverse readily identifiable.

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

SEE PHOTO

2404 **1787 Connecticut. M 5-P. Mailed Bust Left.** 124.3 grains. R-6. VG-8 for overall sharpness, but with some obverse detail clearer than on the preceding specimen. Full outline of neck. Shoulders and detail of cuirass lacking definition. Reverse pitted and quite porous but with full date. Final words of reverse legend indistinct. Dark steel gray with reddish highlights. Attribution number painted on the obverse. TO JIM GOUDGE TAYLOR

$60.50

Varieties such as this, which are notoriously softly struck and or off center, are particularly difficult to grade. In these cases we have attempted to describe both the apparent sharpness of the coin as it exists today along with an estimate of its condition based upon the amount of wear we consider it to have seen in the 200 some intervening years since its striking. Naturally, the serious and advanced collector will wish to make a personal determination as to both the sharpness and apparent wear of such specimens—in the field of colonial coins grading is still a subjective art.

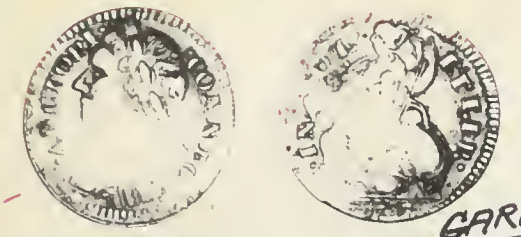
'77 SPINK & SON "CARNEGIE MUSEUM" MARCH 24, 1983

41 Connecticut 1787 Copper, mailed bust left (Miller 5-P) Rarity 6 Very Good '77

5-P

1787 Connecticut Miller 5-P

BOWERS "GARRETT" SALE OCT 1, 1980



$300 —

GARRETT

1352 **1787 Connecticut. Miller 5-P.** 127.0 grains. **Rarity-6.** An **Extremely Fine** specimen from the viewpoint of *actual wear.* One of the finest known specimens of this issue.

In this variety IN DE is separated by the branch and hand. The dies are rotated 50 percent.

The coin is unevenly struck with a few parts being very weak and others being very strong — thus giving rise to the difficulty of assigning a specific grade to it. A tiny planchet defect is hidden in the hair below the first C in CONNEC. An extremely important coin. Medium and dark brown surfaces on a smooth planchet. SOLD $140— SOLD $300 —

From the collection of Sylvester S. Crosby.

BOWERS "TUROFF SALE" OCT 1, 1976

SEE PHOTO

JIM GOUDGE

564 **1787 Mailed Bust Left. 5-P (R-6).** Reverse with IN DE widely divided by branch hand. Exceedingly rare die variety. Very Good. Numerous small planchet striae. A major opportunity for the specialist. $35 —

BOWERS "NORWEB" MARCH 25, 1988

1787 M 5-P

Among the Finest Known

SEE STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995 LOT #48 MARKS VG OVERALL

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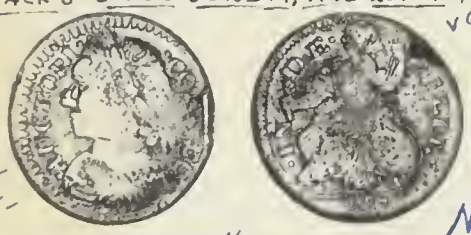


$935 —
$935 —
→ TO THE BOOK

NORWEB

2503 **1787 Connecticut. M 5-P. F-15. Rarity-6.** 126.2 grains. 28.1mm. 220°. Sharpness and technical grades congruent. Reverse rim flaw. Obverse always soft at the lower right and usually off center in that direction. Reverse here unusually well centered, and with full date. R from a P punch, D from superimposing an I over an O punch, B from a altered P punch. Nicer than Taylor, 2403, and a near tie to Garrett's in terms of sharpness. $935 —

Purchased circa 1913-1915.

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

425 —
800 —
880 —

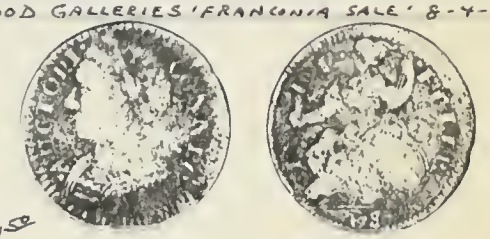
Lot No. 48

EX NORWEB

48 **1787 M.5-P. MBL. R-6+** (revised). IN DE spacing in reverse legend. Fine. 126.2 gns. Nice, rich olive-brown on both sides. Surfaces granular and occasionally rough in places, but not unattractively so. Scattered pin scratches on both sides; old digs and gouges on obverse; deep reverse rim flaw above ET (not a dent, notice no swelling on opposite side of obverse). **Among the Finest Known,** surpassed only be the Garrett and Ryder-Boyd Primary coins among the eleven specimens that we have seen. This example is finer than both Taylor coins, the ANS specimen, the one in our March 1994 sale, and two others seen. Obverse die failing behind head; reverse appears perfect.

Ex Norweb Collection, Part II (Bowers & Merena, March 24, 1988, lot 2503). $935 —

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92



357 50

6523 **1787 Connecticut copper. M 5-P. Mailed Bust Left. VG-8.** Lightly granular surfaces. **Rarity-6.** 146.4 grains. Struck slightly off center on both sides, although complete edge denticulation is plainly seen. M 5-P is nearly always seen slightly off center, with extreme weakness of the obverse features. If it were not for the lightly granular surfaces, this coin would probably grade F-15, as its visual sharpness is equal to Taylor 2403, if not slightly finer. A scarce and desirable issue that should see spirited bidding competition.

COIN WORLD ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE, 1980

SEE NORWEB #2503

1787 copper
(Photo courtesy Bowers & Merena)

C.223. **1787/1877 Copper:** Similar obv., IN DE ET LIB. M 5-P, Norweb Fine-12, $935.

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

5-P 1787 P/VG- R7 Pitts on obverse, scratches

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN. 1985

20) 1787 M.5-P Very Good. Old diagonal scratches through reverse figure and date. Dark brown field with legends and devices highlighted in tan. White ink attribution.

21) 1787 M.5-P Fine-15. Smooth light reddish brown with a small planchet flaw at "L" in LIB on reverse. Dr Halls white ink attribution on edge. Purchase for $1.25 in Oct.,1952. (Dr. Hall)

5-P

PROBABLY FINEST KNOWN!

NASCA "KESSLER" SALE APRIL 28-29, 1981

2215 1787. M.5-P. (R-7.) VF+. (Photo)

140 — *Deep brown toning both sides, very sharp strike except right at centers, some light obverse planchet flaws, including behind head, larger reverse ones. Full date, full hair on Liberty on reverse—an exceptional piece*

— DAVE MENCHELL SEE PHOTO

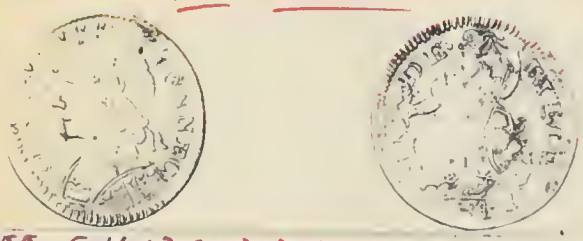
(38) 1787 M.5-P. Mailed Bust left. Rare; NICE VG/F
165 2 pieces. STACK'S SALE OCT 20-22, 1987
LOTHER 1788 2-D GOOD

NEW NETHERLANDS MAIL BID SALE AUG 10, 1952

94 1787 Mailed bust left; branch hand divides IN DE. M. 5-P.
21 Good/V. Good, obverse weak at center from die failure accounting for low mintage. Excessively rare and a type coin; third we've seen, second we've handled. R-6 on Miller scale, which means at least Rarity 7 on Sheldon scale. 21

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1987)

779 1787 Branch hand divides IN DE. Rare.
M. 5-P. Discovered by Dr. Edward Maris. Crosby, p. 216. No cinquefoils; compare next. Crosby, Garrett:1352, 127 grs. = 8.229 gms. Usually in low grades. Anthony Terranova discovered one, EF (ill.), overstruck on a counterfeit 1781 Irish halfpenny. A. TERRANOVA SPECIMEN



SEE ENLARGED PHOTO

SEE ROSA AMERICANA FPL 9, SUMMER 1994 LOT # 123
STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

134 **1787 Connecticut coppers**, all save the last MBL.
55, 300, 330 **M.4-L.** ~~Another. Sharpness of Choice Extremely Fine, roughened in places, verdigris spots both sides. 120.7 gns. Full obverse "horn" break;~~ **M.5-P.** R-6 (underrated, probably really High R-6). IN DE. Basal/Very Good, holed. 101.4 gns. Miller number in a coarse hand on obverse; ~~**M.9-D.** R-5 (underrated, probably really R-6) Very Good/Fine, obverse clip 12.30. 115.7 gns.;~~ **M. 11.2-K.** ~~R-3. Choice Very Fine, flawed, reverse clip and rim dents. 140.3 gns;~~ ~~**M.12-Q.** R-5. "1787/1887", IN DE. Strong Fine, flawed. 110.5 gns.;~~ ~~**M.17-g.3. Draped Bust Left.** Low R-4. Technically strong Fine to Very Fine, quite granular, old obverse scratches. 152.2 gns.~~ 6 pieces. SEE BOOK

PINE TREE EAC'76 SALE MAR 5-6, 1976

Second Finest Known To Us

2199E 1787. M. 5-P (R-7). Type with branch dividing IN and DE.
120 **VG to Fine.** Reverse much sharper than our E.A.C. sale lot 95 (which realized $200), obv. less so. No serious defect obv. and rev. Nice light brown color, smooth surfaces. So far this is the second finest specimen we've seen from these dies. **(Photo)** **($185.-Up).**

2199E

MIKE RINGO LIST, FEB, 1985

3. 1787 M.5-P. Fine, medium brown, with a small but fairly deep planchet flaw at branch hand on reverse. A rare variety..... 100.00

RICHARD AUGUST JAN 12, 1981

3) 1787 5P R7, the only one of this I've had for sale, too. Nicely struck F-VF, as it comes usually in auctions showing a poorly mailed obverse or a poor flan. This has nice detail.. especially on the obverse bust of a VF but softly struck
— OVERGRADES VERY GOOD OVERALL

5-P

1787 5-P Wht.125.5 Grains. Light Brown. Old Cleaning. Advanced Swelling On The Obverse. DON MITUZAS 1992 TO ??

LEGEND LETTERS MADE FROM "I" PUNCH | P. 358 | 1787 reverse P

THE BIZARRE LETTERING OF CONNECTICUT COPPERS

An extreme example of improvised legend lettering is found in reverse "P" of 1787 where eight of the nine letters are made by a Roman "I" punch. Three letters are conventionally made: the two "I's" and the "N" which is punched verylightly to only a fraction of the depth to which the other eight letters are sunk. The bizarre "D", two "E's", "T", "L" and "B" are composed of one or more miscellaneous punches added to the basic "I" punch which makes the upright bar of each respective letter. The right side of the "D" is made by a parenthesis shaped punch which does not touch the serifs of the basic "I" stroke. The two "E's" are made by adding horizontal bars to the basic "I" stroke. The top of the "T" and the base of the"L" are likewise formed in the same manner. Conformation of the "B", however, is quite eccentric. To the right of the basic "I" stroke, the curve of the upper lobe is made by a disconnected half-moon punch, while the botton lobe is suggested by a semicircular dot far to the right of where it should be. All in all, the amazing improvisions of this reverse die are a striking illustration of typical Yankee ingenuity at its very best.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD — **The Rare 1787 Miller 5-P Possibly a Hall-Brand Coin** — EPL #9 SUMMER, 1994

HOLED

123 1787 Connecticut, Miller 5-P. High Rarity-6. 101.4 grains. Not grade of Very Good. The obverse is considerably weaker, probably due more to die failure than actual wear; the only legends visible on this side are AUC and NEC. The reverse is fully of the grade level assigned, with the legends and date nearly complete. Painted die variety at the center of the obverse in a very coarse hand. This piece has a hole at about K-4 on the obverse, showing through to K-1 on the reverse, which obviously does detract in both appearance and value. Still, this coin is an extraordinarily rare variety and may actually be closer to a low Rarity-7. Most of the name sales of the past decade have lacked the variety—the Picker reference collection, Oechsner, Hessberg, Roper, the Perkins duplicates, any of the Ryder-Boyd sales, etc., etc. We have never been able to offer a specimen of this variety on a list or privately, and we have not seen one offered on any colonial dealers lists in the last decade. Of the few specimens known, the grades are usually low—the EAC '75 coin was VG/F, the Taylor coin was a weak VG, the Norweb coin was Fine and the two ANS specimens are VG and F, the latter with Dr. Hall's ink-on-edge attribution; the Garrett coin was exceptional EF and easily the finest known example of the variety. Apparently, this is another DR. HALL coin, later to VIRGIL BRAND and New Netherlands, as specifically mentioned by Walter Breen in the 1975 EAC sale as being pierced. A distinct type piece, one of only two dies with the reverse legend spaced IN DE [the other one being reverse Q], this one unique for the three ribbons flowing from Ms. Liberty's hair—a feature not found on any other reverse die of any year. A very rare variety, a unique type piece and if you think we've devoted too much space to a holed VG coin, wait until you see how many want lists this baby is onl. EX STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994 LOT # 134 1 OF 6 PIECES $159

In the late Walter Breen's copy of the 1975 EAC sale, there is a handwritten note that the coin that appeared in that sale was pedigreed by Breen as "ex Dr. Maris, Crosby 999, Miller—the discovery piece."

The ongoing Painted Die Variety controversy may take on some added meaning with this piece. Breen specifically notes that the Dr. Hall-Brand piece was at New Netherlands and was low grade and pierced—but was it the present specimen? Breen was working at New Netherlands at the time the Hall-Brand Connecticut's were offered and is thus a good witness as to what those coins actually were. The 5-P in the ANS collection is definitely ex-Hall, and was purchased in October, 1952, the year that most of the Hall-Brand CT coppers were acquired and sold by New Netherlands, but that coin is not holed. Did the good doctor own more than one when they went to Brand and later to New Netherlands? Did Breen misremember events? Are there more than one lower grade holed specimens of this rarity [unlikely]? Any other ideas?

5-P

1787 M.5-P WHT.100.6 GRAINS. GOOD OVERALL, UNEVEN STRIKE
KEN MOTE COLLECTION APRIL, 1995.

1787 M.5-P VERY GOOD/FINE
DAVID MENCHELL COLLECTION
EX STACK'S SALE OCT 20-22, 1987 LOT#38 1 of 2 PIECES

5-P

1787 M.5-P STRONG VERY GOOD. PLANCHET STRIATIONS.
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION.
EX BOWERS & RUDDY "TUROFF SALE" OCT 1, 1976 LOT#564

1787 M.5-P VERY GOOD
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION
EX BOWERS & MERENA "TAYLOR COLLECTION" MARCH 27, 1987 LOT#2404

5-P

1787 M.5-P CHOICE EXTREMELY FINE. OVERSTRUCK ON A 1781 COUNTERFEIT IRISH HALFPENNY. (BREEN PLATE COIN) ANTHONY TERRANOVA COLLECTION VIA KARL STEPHENS

5-P

Dick August Collection Nov 4, 1999
1787 5-P Fine/Very Fine (15/20)
Some light granularity, mostly on obverse.

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

TAXAY PLATE COIN

73* **1787. First "Laughing Head."** M. 6.1–M. R–1. With horseshoe–shaped U, 6–pointed star in breastplate; ribbon bows and ends represented by outlines only, as is profile. **Almost Very Fine,** signs of old cleaning, retoning naturally; bold impression, planchet nearly free of usual defects. **Very far above average for this variety, which is common in Good but very rare above Fine.** Finer than that in the Merkin sale or the "Promised Lands" coin at $178; similar overall to the grainy EF" Norman Bryant coin, not quite as sharp as the Miller Plate coin. **Pictured in Taxay,** plate 15, no. 168. Ex T. L. Craige. **(Photo)** $260 **($100.–up)**

$260

*Bids accepted by mail only.

EAC'75

SEE TAXAY PLATE

73

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

336* **1787.** Mailed Bust Left. M. 6.1–M. **First "Laughing Head."** **VG,** chocolate brown, devices highlighted, obv. stronger than rev., surfaces uniformly lightly granular, ancient obv. field scratch not affecting colors; tops of some rev. letters weak. Apparently a Miller duplicate; attribution in obv. field. Ex Alan Kessler. **(Photo) ($50.–up)** $40

$40

*Bids accepted by mail only.

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

1787 M 6.1-M

NICE XF+45

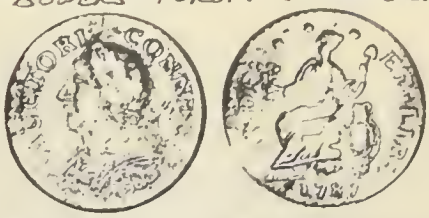
$687.50

TAYLOR

2405 **1787 Connecticut. M 6.1-M.** The Laughing Head variety. 120.9 grains. R-1. **EF-45,** a sharp and clear example. Rich mahogany obverse married to a medium olive-green reverse. Overall sharpness superior to the Roper specimen. Well centered on both obverse and reverse, with virtually full reverse denticulation. Not a match for the Garrett specimen (probably the finest known), but solidly within the Condition Census for this fairly common variety. $687.50

6.1-M

BOWER'S "TUROFF SALE" OCT 1, 1976



565 1787 Mailed Bust Left. *Laughing Head* variety. 6.1-M (R-1). With supercilious smirk on portrait. Extremely Fine. Some light roughness, especially on the obverse. $140

BOWERS "NORWEB" MARCH 25, 1988

$330

NORWEB

2504 **1787 Connecticut. M 6.1-M.** The "Laughing Head." VF-30. Rarity-1. 133.6 grains. 28.4mm. 205°. Dark olive green and brown. An attractive and well-struck example. Minor rim clip on the reverse at 11:30. Reverse T and right stand N often appear weak, as they were shallowly cut in the die. A coin for the specialist. *Purchased circa 1913-1915.* $330

NEW NETH. 'NUMISMA' AUG, 1954 VOL. 1 NO. 3

886 1787. Laughing head. M. 6'-M. V. Fine. V. Choice. ... **$6.90**

TAXAY PLATE (1976)

6.1-M

SEE EAC'75 C183 LOT # 73

STACK'S SALE JUNE 22, 1973

CONNECTICUT

SEE STACK'S SALE OCT 17, 1989 LOT # 90 AT $4,180 —

Lot No. 809

809 **1787 Connecticut.** Miller 6.1-M. A common variety but this very popular **LAUGHING HEAD** type is in beautiful condition. Perfectly centered with full denticles obverse and reverse, and a very sharp strike. All details of the hair, leaves, bust, mail, etc. fully struck up and very strong, as well as all details on the reverse. A very pleasing light chocolate glossy brown, and a perfect type coin. Ex Charles E. Clapp Collection. UNCIRCULATED.

COIN GALLERIES SALE, AUG 20, 1956

1346 1787 M.6.1-M (R-1). Laughing Head. Fine, medium brown, porous with some digs, but devices quite clear.

6.1-M

60 1787. "Laughing Head". M.6.1-M (R-1). Fine. $38.50
HIM, INC SALE NOV 9, 1983

STACK'S
MASS HIST. SOC. OCT 23, 1990

131 **1787 Miller 6.1-M.** Mailed bust left. The Laughing Head. Very Fine. Another common but popular type. This coin from delicately cut dies is well centered and well struck on a comparatively clean planchet. It is nicely toned being light brown on the high portions and dark brown in the lower areas. A very pleasing coin indeed. $40 —

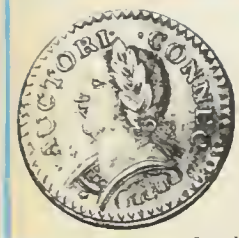
Lot No. 32

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988 → SEE STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993 LOT 971 AT $4,025 →
BIT DARK XF NOT AU

32 **1787 Laughing Head.** Miller 6.1-M. Punch linked to the New Jersey cents. A superb specimen, rich golden russet iridescence quite possibly from faded color. A small planchet crack at five o'clock. **About Uncirculated** and certainly one of the finest extant. $522.50

→ STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988

33 1787 Miller 6.1-M. Another. Glossy iridescent brown. **Very Fine to Extremely Fine.** $357.50 OKUF



XF 40

Lot No. 239

1232 **NEW JERSEY. 1787 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 6.1-M. 121.6 grains. The "Laughing Head" variety, punch linked to the New Jerseys. The U in the legend is shaped like a horseshoe, and there is a star on the mail. The coin is very well centered with full denticulation on both sides, and the delicate detail of the dies is virtually all struck up. Very little in the way of actual wear and no detracting marks on a smooth light brown planchet. **Choice Very Fine or better.** COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 22, 1989

$52.50

C.G. SALE 2/22/89

ANTHONY TERRANOVA

$52.50

Lot No. 1232

STACK'S "ROPER COLL" DEC 7, 1983

239 **1787 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 6.1-M. 121.6 grains. The "Laughing Head" variety, punch linked to the New Jerseys. The U in the legend is shaped like a horseshoe, and there is a star on the mail. The coin is very well centered with full denticulation on both sides, and the delicate detail of the dies is virtually all struck up. Very little in the way of actual wear and no detracting marks on a smooth light brown planchet. **Choice Very Fine or better.** $577.50

500 — 525 —

ROPER

ROPER
XF

STACK'S
"D. FLEISHER COLL"
SEPT 8, 1979

Lot No. 532

532 1787 Mailed Bust Left. M.6.1-M. The very popular **"Laughing Head"** type. Struck on a broad planchet with full denticulation on both sides. Light even wear, with choice, medium brown surfaces. **Choice Extremely Fine.** $400 —

1787 Connecticut Miller 6.1-M

BOWERS "GARRETT" SALE OCT 1, 1980

SEE D-LINETT SALE #2 AUG, 1985

SEE BREEN PLATE

$8,000 —

(See Color Photo)

GARRETT

1353 **1787 Connecticut.** Miller 6.1-M. 119.3 grains. The *Laughing Head* variety. A fairly common variety in lower grades but decidedly rare in this unusual **Choice Uncirculated** state. Perfectly centered with complete denticles on obverse and reverse. Every tiny detail is in perfect cameo-like sharpness. A magnificent light brown with fading mint red. The surfaces are actually prooflike in areas. Much original frostiness remains. Undoubtedly one of the finest if not *the* finest known to exist. Another prize for the connoisseur.

OPEN $1,000 — SOLD $8,000 —

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA (1988)

770 1787 First "Laughing Head."
M. 6.1-M. Same punches as **766**. Small thin flans, 60 to the lb. Garrett:1353, UNC., $8,000. This and **771** discovered by Dickeson {1859}.

SEE GARRETT

Ex J. W. Garrett: 1353. Courtesy Bowers & Ruddy Galleries, Inc.

BOWERS "EINSTEIN SALE" JUNE 23-25, 1986

2118 1787 Connecticut. Miller 6.1-M. Fine or better from the standpoint of actual wear, perhaps even Very Fine, but with granular surfaces. Probably worth the price of a Very Good to Fine piece overall

35.50

BOWERS "HORE GREEN SALE" JUNE 10-11, 1985

2320 ~~Trio of Connecticut coppers:~~ *1787 Laughing Head.* Miller 6.1-M. Very Good to Fine obverse, Fine reverse. A pleasing example of this interesting variety; ~~1787 obverse of Miller 31.1. The reverse is completely smooth. 132.8 grains. The reverse was probably planed off over a century ago, but this cannot be determined now. Very Good to Fine obverse. Unusual!; 1787 Snipe Nose variety. Miller 33.28-Z.16, but an early die state before the break reaches the nose. Good to Very Good. Attractive, but somewhat porous. Better than our description sounds.~~ (Total: 3 pieces)

6.1-M

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLL), 1989

6.1-M	1787 EF-	R1		Dark spots obv, crimped rim
6.1-M	1787 EF	R1		
6.1-M	1787 VF+	R1		
6.1-M	1787 VF-	R1		
6.1-M	1787 VF+	R1		Pitts under chin on obverse.
6.1-M	1787 F	R1		
6.1-M	1787 F	R1		
6.1-M	1787	F+/F+	R1	Scratches. Double struck
6.1-M	1797	F-/F-	R1	Defective planchet at edge
6.1-M	1787	VF-/VF-	R1	Large planchet diameter
6.1-M	1787	VF/VF	R1	[illegible] spots

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

6.1-M 6332 (5) GOOD (5)
9507 (10) VERY GOOD (10)
9487 (12) FINE (12)
9502 (20) VERY FINE (20)
5195 (20) VERY FINE (20)
5672 (30) VERY FINE (30)

ANA MUSEUM, 1989

1787 Copper VG 7.50g 180° Miller 6.1-M (R1)

BOWER'S 'SCOTT SALE' JUNE 6, 1975

81 ~~Pair of Connecticut coppers.~~ (1) 1787 Mailed bust left. *Laughing Head* variety. Miller 6.1-M. VF-EF. Scarce in such nice condition; ~~(2) 1795 draped bust left. Miller 37.5-n. VF. Planchet defects through head and neck.~~ (Total: 2 pieces) 105-

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

22) 1787 M.6.1-M Very Fine (25-30). Smooth mottled light and medium tan color and surfaces.
23) 1787 M.6.1-M Extremely Fine. Mottled shades light and medium tan (No Provenance)*

1787 M 6.1-M:

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.6.1-M
UNCIRCULATED
EX COLONEL GREEN COLLECTION

STACK'S FOREMAN SALE" MAY 4, 1989

1208 1787 Mailed bust left. Miller 6.1-M. The "Laughing head." Full date, full legends. A few hairlines visible with a glass. Light brown and olive toning. **Strong Very Fine.** RIM BRUISE 5 O'CLOCK
280-
308-

BOWER'S 'BROOK'S COLL' JUNE 12, 1989

2028 1787 Connecticut copper. M 6.1-M. VF-30. 115.7 grains. Obverse nicked before face. Sharply struck. Outline of the die edge visible at the top of the obverse. Perfect dies, as Taylor:2405.
SCRAPE IN OBV FIELD IN FRONT OF MOUTH
77

BOWER'S "P. D. WILLIAMS" SEPT 27-29, 1979

1293 ~~Quartet of Connecticut coppers by Miller variety. (1) 1785 6.2-P.1. R-4. VF-20; (2) 1785 6.4-I. R-4. Good-4;~~ (3) 1787 Laughing head. 6.1-M. Fine-12; ~~(4) 1788 12.1-P.1. Fair-2.~~ (Total: 4 pieces)

NEW NETHERLAND'S 60TH SALE DEC 3-4, 1968

Also, **Laughing Head. M. 6¹-M** (Rarity 1). Fine or better, the moderately smooth surfaces impaired by several quite small pit-like digs. We also note three old, light scratches in the left obv. field. Each of these valued at $25. for Fine in the Whitman reference. ~~First ex Boyd.~~ 2 Pcs.
The maker of the "Horned bust" is presently unknown, although we are inclined to believe these were made at the New Haven Mint before new puncheons were ready. The Laughing Heads were struck at the Morristown, N.J. Mint by Walter Mould; they are punch-linked with the wide-flan New Jersey coppers coming from that mint.
LOT # 335
$15
1 OF 2 PIECES, OTHER 4-L

ROSA AMERICANA LIST # 3, 1990

37. **1787. Miller 6.1-M, Breen 770. Rarity 1. The first "Laughing Head" variety. 102.2 grains, 28.5mm. Very Fine.** Olive-brown color, the details are highlighted a few shades lighter. **Microscopically granular,** as is almost always seen on the variety, this hardly detracts from the full, sharp details as well as the full legends and date. Another perfect type coin.....$89

NEW NETHERLAND'S 36TH SALE JAN 26, 1952

504 — 1787. The "Laughing Head." M-6¹-M. Almost Ex. Fine. A beautiful obverse, but weaker upon the reverse which also has the slightest touches of corrosion. A really nice cent. Ex. Hall Coll.

[illegible] AND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

44 50- 1787 ~~Mailed Bust Left M #2-B (R-3) ALMOST GOOD-3;~~ Mailed Bust Left M #6.1-M (R-1) FINE-12, light reverse scratches. (Lot of 2 pieces).

6.1-M

HARMER ROOKE 'MILLION DOLLAR SALE NOV 17, 1969

130 — 1787. Laughing head. M. 6¹–M. Unauthorized issue by Walter Mould at Morristown, N.J., Mint. Very fine, rather dark and somewhat rough patina; light mint clip above OR. Uncommonly choice example of a variety plentiful in worn state. One for the type collectors.

R. HUGES LIST, OCT, 1980

M-6.1-M (R-1) Fine, granular surfaces 125.00

NEW NETHERLANDS MAIL BID SALE AUG 10, 1956

95 1787 Laughing head. M. 6¹-M. Almost VF, obverse very bold 8— Popular type coin. Exceptional condition for the variety, which is often seen worn. Of interest to collectors of N. J. Cents, because the dies were made by engraver of Morristown, N.J., mint; punches match Maris 67-v and many others of the Morristown group.

BOWERS "BUCHENBACH-SMITH NOV 10-12, 1986

2719 Trio of Connecticut coppers. (1). 1787. M 6.1-M, "Laughing Head variety. VF-20, planchet flaws visible; ~~(2). 1787. M 25-b. Also VF-20 The copper used to create this planchet was imperfectly melted resulting in numerous inclusions; (3). 1787. M 30-hh.1. Fine 12 once used as a button, shank visible on the reverse~~. (Total: 3 pieces) 198—

MILLER PLATE

6¹ — M —

STANDARD CATALOUGE 6.1-M

HENRY C. MILLER SALE' MAY 26-29, 1920

1871 1787. C. 6-(1)-M. Curious narrow bust to l with silly expression. AUCTORI. . Rx. INDE: ET LIB: Ex. F. Plate. 3 50

2106 1787. C. 6--(2)--M. VG; also 6--M (2 var) Laughing head., ~~and simple head~~. Curious. G. & VG. 4 pcs. 15

STACK'S 'STEINBERG SALE' OCT 17, 1989

BEAUTIFUL 1787 MILLER 6.1-M

EX. STACK'S SALE JUNE 22, 1973 LOT# 809

LIGHT BROWN UNC MS-60

2,800 — 3,800 —

Lot No. 90 (Enlarged)

TO DON PARTRICK

90 **1787 Miller 6.1-M.** Laughing head. A beautiful specimen of a common but very popular type. $4,180 Perfectly centered, with full denticles on both sides. Very sharply struck. All details of the hair, leaves, bust, mail, etc., are fully struck up and very strong, reverse as well as obverse. Light brown and olive with hints of faded red on glossy surfaces. **Mint State,** and a perfect type coin. *(SEE COLOR PLATE)*

Ex Stack's June, 1973 Sale, lot 809, earlier from the Charles E. Clapp collection.

BOWER'S 'SACCONE COLL' NOV 6-F, 1989

1545 1787 Connecticut copper. M 6.1-M. 109.1 grains. Rarity-1. VF-35, 209— nice light brown in color. A pleasing example of the "Laughing Head" variety. An old obverse scratch may be seen, but this is very faint and hardly detracts from the appearance of the piece. The obverse state is later than Taylor:2405, with very clear sinking at the rim above AU. The reverse state is equivalent to the Taylor coin's, but softly struck due to the obverse sinking.

This combination has been said to be punch-linked to New Jersey 1788 Maris 67-v. Interested readers are referred to the footnotes that follow Lot 1648, below, for the results of a photographic overlay examination of these two dies.

SUPERIOR 'AUGUST SALE' AUG 8-10, 1983

1696 ~~1787-M11.1-E. Very Good-8; Together with:~~ ~~1787-Laughing head variety~~, M6.1-M. Very Good 8. Lot of 2 coins . . . . $40—

BOWER'S "ACKARLAND SALE' JAN 14, 1981

37 ~~Lot of three Connecticut coppers, all interesting type coins. Miller 1.2-C (Mutton head), 4-L (the Horned Bust), and~~ 6.1-M (Laughing Head). Good-4 or better, ~~Highly interesting lot~~. (Total: 3 pieces) 60.00

6.1-M

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

JUST FAIR XF
LIGHT SCRATCHES ON REV.

300-
600-

SEE STACK'S "ANS BENEFIT AUCTION SALE" NOV 17, 1993 LOT# 101 @ 800

Lot No. 1068

OECHSNER

1068 **1787 Miller 6.1-M.** Mailed bust left. The "Laughing Head" variety. 107.5 grains. **Extremely Fine,** a match in sharpness to the Taylor specimen but there are light cleaning scratches in the fields, and minor granularity on the lower reverse. All elements clear and sharp, full denticles on both sides. Medium brown and walnut, some traces of deep red.

$660-

BOWER'S "PARK FOREST SALE" OCT 3, 1990

2027 1787 Connecticut copper. **Miller 6.1-M, the first Laughing head. VF-20,** bluish steel toning with absolutely no defects. Rare in this condition. Also from the Morristown Mint. Note the crude obverse die work with ribbon ends and bow represented by outlines only, and thick straight hair; gives the appearance of a pencil sketch by a child. 150.00

150-

PINE TREE "PROMISED LANDS" APR. 30, 1994

257 1787. "Laughing Head," M. 6.1–M. **Fine for the coin,** parts of rev. borders weak as usual, **some details suggesting a grade above VF.** Tan and reddish brown with interesting natural mottlings. Well centered, fairly broad borders. Of historical interest, as this is one of the four varieties struck clandestinely at the Morristown, New Jersey, Mint, by Walter Mould, at a time when Connecticuts freely circulated; his motive in making these coins was that he could pass them readily without having to pay 10% of the gross to the State Treasurer! A similar specimen brought $140 in the Rothert sale. **(Photo)**

$178-

257

STACK'S "T.H. ALLEN" FEB 4, 1977

31 **1787 Miller 6.1-M.** Laughing head. Perfectly centered, full date, and all details sharp even though the planchet is grainy. A very popular type. **Extremely Fine.**

$70-

STACK'S "N. BRYANT COLL" FEB 2, 1973

11 1787 Connecticut. Miller 6.1-M. Laughing head. Extremely Fine. Perfectly centered, full date and all details sharp even though the planchet is grainy. A very popular type. $150-

$150-

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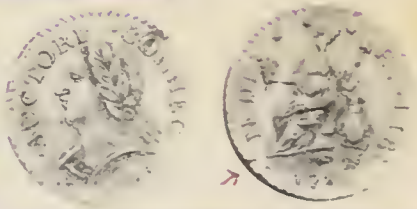


STACK'S "AUCTION SALE" DEC 3, 1971

66 1787 Miller 6.1-M. **The LAUGHING HEAD.** Another fairly common, but very popular type. About Uncirculated. Perfectly centered and sharply struck on an exceptionally nice smooth planchet. Very little if any wear at all. Every detail in pinpoint sharpness. A truly magnificent coin, and without a doubt in the condition census. A lovely rich chocolate brown color. Ex Yale Collection. **PLATE** SEE ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 LOT #142 1989

$375-

STACK'S "AUCTION SALE" DEC 3, 1971

67 1787 Miller 6.1-M. **Laughing head.** A duplicate. Again perfectly centered and sharply struck on an excellent planchet, with the exception of a tiny defect under the final C. Extremely Fine very light even wear, but every detail is very sharp and clear. Also a rich chocolate brown. Ex Yale Collection.

$100-

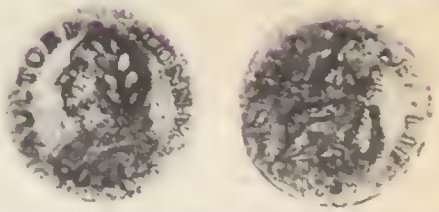
218 **1787 Mailed Bust Left M.6.1-M. Very Good** with chocolate brown patination. Obv. stronger than rev. with uniformly lightly granular surfaces. Miller attribution in white ink on obv. field. **($25-30)**

$14-

PINE TREE "GREEN III" JUNE 19, 1978 14 UC

PINE TREE "FUN '77" JAN 8, 1977

19 **1787.** Mailed Bust Left. **M.6.1-M. Very Good** with chocolate brown patination. Obv. stronger than rev. with uniformly lightly granular surfaces. Miller attribution in white ink on obv. field



16. CONN. "LAUGHING HEAD" CENT OF 1787 - Miller 6M Nicely centered, dark brown, extra fine HARMER ROOKE JAN 11, 1991. **$300**

1787 Connecticut. Miller-6.1-m. Laughing Head variety. VF-20 or finer. A very sharp specimen of the variety, and one which has a high degree of aesthetic appeal. BOWERS 1988 . . . 275.00

BOWER'S "ARNOLD & ROMISA" SEPT 17-19, 1984

629 Group of Connecticut coppers: 1787 Miller 6.1-M, *Laughing Head* VG, 1 OF 4 PIECES

99-

6.1-M

STACK'S "ROBISON SALE" FEB 10, 1982

110-180 NICE W/ DEFECT

WHT. 122.2 GRAINS Lot No. 124 TO → R. MARTIN

124 1787 **Mailed Bust Left.** M.6.1-M. The "Laughing Head" variety. Well struck and centered with but one planchet defect in the hair. Full denticles both sides. Another excellent type piece. **Extremely Fine.**

180

122.2 GR.

BOWERS "MATT ROTHERT SALE" NOV 16, 1973

234 1787 Connecticut. Miller 6.1-M. Laughing head variety. Unusual variety with portrait features outlined by a raised ridge or outline. Extremely Fine plus, planchet chip hidden in hair. A very attractive specimen of this popular variety. $140.00

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #8 SPRING, 1993

71 1787 Connecticut, Miller 6.1-M, another. 103.3 grains Very Fine, as usual the obverse a bit stronger than the reverse Full obverse legends, INDE is weak on the reverse, though the rest of the legends and the date are all strong. Clean medium brown surfaces, free of any major damage, a few small rim ticks aren't noticeable at all. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in the left obverse field, again in Henry Miller's scrip. A pleasing example of the variety, and a perfect type coin as well.....$49

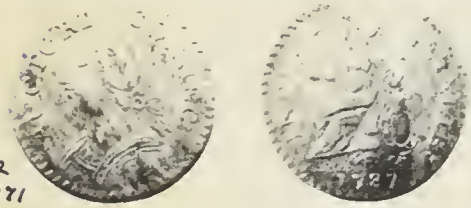
This is one of the few instances where the collection of ex-Miller coins contained more than one example of the same variety. No doubt the previous owner was unable to figure out what he liked more—a strong strike, good color, or better surfaces. So he kept both. Also part of Lot #2106 of the Miller collection. ?

D. LINETT MAIL BID SALE #2 AUG, 1985

INCREDIBLE LAUGHING HEAD

EX GARRETT #1353

231. As above. Miller 6.1-M. ((R-1). Choice Uncirculated. Fully Prooflike obverse with superb light brown and faded Mint red colors blended; slightly Prooflike reverse with magenta swirls below an overcoat of chocolate brown. As sharply struck as any Connecticut Cent we have ever seen with every fine detail up and very bold. Mere words fail to do justice to the sheer beauty of this coin. Easily the finest known. $10,000
**Ex Garrett III: 1353*



BOWER'S RCR #12 SEPT, 1971

1787 Laughing Head variety. 6.1-M (R-1). One of the most popular of the Connecticut pieces. Extremely Fine, seldom seen in such superb condition 139.00

STACK'S "MESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

36 → 1373 **1787 Miller 6.1-M.** ~~116~~ 115.7 GR. grains. "Laughing Head" variety, 27.3mm in diameter. Thoroughly detailed, exceptionally well centered with pleasing olive-tan patina. Perfect coin for a well-chosen type collection of Colonial coppers. Strong Very Fine. TOO DARK, OLIVE GREEN $302.50

→ STACK'S FPL FALL, 1991 LOT # 32 AT 40.00

BOWER'S RCR #7 SEPT, 1970

1787 Connecticut cent. M-6.1-M "The Laughing Head" Has the sharpness of Very Fine, with little wear, but very grainy planchet 395.00
BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #39 JULY, 1981

1787 Laughing head variety. 6.1-M (R-1). Not rare, but popular due to the distinctive-appearing portrait. Very Good $19.00; Extremely Fine plus, one of the top two or three of this variety offered in the past decade RARE COIN REVIEW #14. APR, 1972. 189.00

1787 Laughing head. 6.1-M. (R-1). Good $10.00; Fine $23.00; VF RARE COIN REVIEW #7 SEPT. 1970 44.00

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #30, 1978 ...
1787 *Laughing Head* variety. 6.1 M. VF-20. Black and porous. Satisfaction guaranteed RCR #30 1978 .....19.00

NASCA SALE #85 MARCH 29, 1990

2 **1787 Connecticut Cent. Miller 6.1-M. Laughing Head, Mailed Bust Facing Left. Extremely Fine / Very Fine. (Photo)** **($250-Up)**

The slightly off-center obverse is exceptionally clear and clean. There is an arc of planchet porosity beneath the date.

93.50 COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1225 1787 M.6.1-M. Mailed bust left. "Laughing head." Very Good but the planchet is heavily damaged; 1 OF 6 PIECES

STACK'S SALE DEC 4-5, 1987

245 1787 Mailed bust left. Miller 6.1-M. The Laughing Head variety. Extremely Fine, well centered with full border of denticles on each side; slightly soft strike at central head and matching shield. Red brown and olive toning, full sharp date. A pleasing specimen.

#418

6.1-M

MARIS PLATE (1875)

SAN DIEGO SHOW (D. LINETT) OCT 14-15, 1988

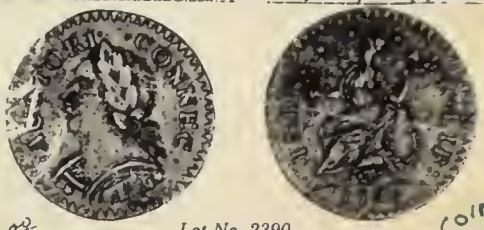
1238 1787 CONNECTICUT, Miller 6.1-M, Laughing Head, Choice Extremely Fine. A splendid example of this popular major type. The color is a lustrous deep brown with tinges of underlying red. It is well centered and all details are clear. This specimen has outstanding eye appeal as every tiny detail on the obverse seems to stand out. A gorgeous coin worthy of your strong consideration.....(750-1000)

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 18, 1990

Lot No. 2343

2343 396.00 Connecticut. 1787 Mailed bust left. Laughing head. Miller 6.1-m. Choice Very Fine, even chocolate brown toning. Decent strike on a problem-free planchet. Worth a premium bid.

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 18, 1990



Lot No. 2390

COIN WORLD PLATE COIN

2390 209.00 1787 Miller 6.1-M. "Laughing head." Once cleaned, slightly granular on the fields. Light to medium brown toning. Legends and devices clear. Very Fine or a bit better.

COIN GALLERIES SALE, JULY 18, 1990

2852 277.50 1787 Connecticut. Miller 6.1-m. Laughing head. Very Fine, full date, nice planchet. Light tan toning with hints of pale blue around the border. P/VF

RIM BRUISE 5-6 O'CLOCK

BOWER'S CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE NOV 14, 1990

5672 330.00 Another selection of 1787 coppers: ☆ M 6.1-M. "Laughing Head." Rarity-1. Sharpness of F-15, heavy scratches. 114.1 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2405

1 OF 6 PIECES

BOWER'S CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE NOV 14, 1990

5670 475.00 Large selection of 1787 coppers: ☆ M 6.1-M. "Laughing Head." Rarity-1. VF-30 for sharpness, very porous. 114.9 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2405 1 OF 10 PIECES

EX: HARMER ROOKE/MILLION DOLLAR SALE 5/70 #6115

BOWER'S SALE JAN 24-26, 1990

1262 99 1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 6.1-M. "Laughing Head" variety. VF-20. 106.6 grains. Nice, gray-brown. Fairly boldly struck, with full legends and central devices. Obverse die state later than Taylor:2405, the break from rim to the upper left portion of U more advanced; reverse die state equivalent to the Taylor coin's.

BOWER'S CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE NOV 14, 1990

5671 357.50 Further selection of 1787 coppers: ☆ M 6.1-M. "Laughing Head." Rarity-1. F-12, slightly off center. 119.1 grains. Obverse later than Taylor:2405, broken from rim to left stand U; reverse equivalent to the Taylor coin

1 OF 9 PIECES

MIKE RINGO LIST, DEC, 1984

12. 1787 Laughing Head, M.6.1-M. Fine or better, light brown with a couple of small edge bumps. Good detail..... 50.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, FEB, 1985

4. 1787 Laughing Head, M.6.1-M. Fine to Very Fine, smooth brown flan with no flaws or defects. Nicer than usual for the variety..... 135.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, MAY, 1986

6. **1787 Laughing Head, M.6.1-M. Very Fine, clean olive-brown surfaces. Well centered, with virtually full denticles on both sides..... 175.00**

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #19 JUNE, 1983

11. 1787 M 6.1-M Laughing Head, Fine-Very Fine 15, R-1. Some weakness in the legends and a minor planchet defect at 11 o'clock, but well struck with nice color. $100

6.1-M

COIN WORLD ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1990)

C.228.

SEE COIN GALLERIES SALE. 7-18-90 #2390

1787 copper, "Laughing Head" (Photo courtesy Stack's)

1787 Copper: Laughing Head left. Distinctive round laureate features with pointed nose, pursed mouth. Struck by Walter Mould, Morristown, N.J., two vars. M 6.1-M. Garrett Choice Unc., $8,000.

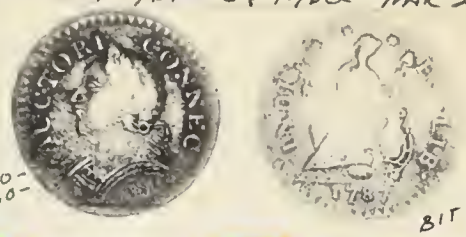
STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST DEC, 1989

C140

COIN WORLD ENCY. PLATE (1990)

C140 **1787 Miller 6.1-M.** "Laughing head." 115.45 grains. Once cleaned, slightly granular on the fields. Light to medium brown toning. Legends and devices clear. **Very Fine** or a bit better. 500.00

BOWER'S' BOYD, BRAND & RYDER · MAR 26, 1990



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BIT TOO DARK

1168 **1787 Connecticut copper. M 6.1-M. Mailed Bust Left.** The "Laughing Head" variety. 107.1 grains. Rarity-1. F-15. Dark brown surfaces, lighter golden brown high points. Some older signs of cleaning are visible. Struck slightly off center, towards the base of the obverse, clear outline of die edge visible on the obverse from 10:00 to 2:00; very slightly off center on the reverse, towards the top, clear outline of die edge visible from 5:00 to 7:00. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2405.

$176-

Henry Chapman stock envelope, with Ryder's annotations, accompanies this lot.

This 1787 Connecticut variety has been definitively punch linked to the 1788 New Jersey variety M 67-v (see our sale of the Saccone Collection, November 1989, Lot 1648).

1169 **1787 Connecticut copper. M 6.1-M. Mailed Bust Left.** "Laughing Head" variety. 111.1 grains. Rarity-1. VG-8. A second example of this popular variety. The surfaces are dark brown, while the high points and inscriptions are light golden brown. Minor planchet clip visible on the obverse at 2:00. Die states later than Taylor:2405, obverse center slightly sunk; reverse T faded.

$66-

Ex Ryder Collection. Ticket and envelope accompany this lot. Called "Fair" by Ryder.

BIT TOO DARK

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST NOV, 1985

25 1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.6.1-M, the "Laughing Head" variety. Very Fine, well struck and centered with full border teeth on both sides. One very tiny Reverse planchet defect which affects none of the detail. Smooth dark Brown with lighter highlights 175.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST AUG, 1981

33 1787 Mailed Bust Left, M-6 1-M "Laughing Head" variety. Very Fine. No problems of any sort. Dark brown with lighter highlights 225.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1977

1787 MBL, Laughing Head, M.6.1-M, Obverse Ex. Fine, reverse weaker, more like Very Fine, well-struck and centered, light to medium brown color, reverse shows light porosity, obverse surfaces smooth.....125.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, SEPT, 1982

1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.6.1-M, the "Laughing Head" variety. Very Fine. Well centered with full obverse dentilation. This and the previous coin are unusual in that they were probably struck in New Jersey. Excellent surfaces with dark and light brown toning, accentuating the detail 160.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST 1979

1787 Bust Left, another M.6.1-M, Very Fine, slightly weaker reverse, medium brown color with no problems.....85.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1977

1787 Mailed Bust Left, M. 6.1-M, the 'Laughing Head,' Abt.Good...~~10.00~~.

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1978

1787 Laughing Head, M.6.1-M, (R-1). An interesting coin with an interesting pedigree, from a Schulman sale, 1951, and in a B. G. Johnson (St. Louis dealer of the thirties) envelope, described as "Uncirculated, but bad dents on obverse. $1.50." (1930's price). The dents are three small (c. 3mm diameter) attempted punctures. Sold with both envelopes.....35.00

1787 Laughing Head, another, XF/VF, well-struck and centered, several trivial reverse scratches, otherwise nice color and surfaces, bold portrait.....110.00

6.1-M

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER SERIAL NO. 74 SEPT, 1986
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EX. D. GROVE'S SALE 11/12/74 LOT # 354

Figure 14: 1787 Laughing Head, Miller 6.1-M, also from the Morristown mint by Walter Mould. Illustrated specimen weighs 126.2 grains.

NICKNAMED CONNECTICUTS EDWARD BARNSLEY

(8) LAUGHING HEAD, Miller Obverse 6.1 of 1787

(9) SIMPLE HEAD, Miller Obverse 6.2 of 1787

BARNSLEY COLLECTION

These two Obverse 6's of 1787, either hubbed from the same device punch or hand cut, illustrate the futility of using nicknames instead of numismatic designation. One die is termed Laughing Head, and its near-twin bears the appellation Simple Head, even though neither face is actually depicted in a more "Laughing" or "Simple Looking" pose than the other one is. So which is which, and why? Miller said that 6.1, the commoner die, was the Laughing Head, while 6.2, the rarer die, was the Simple Head or Outlined Head. However, the outline of the profile of the face, from bottom of neck to top of forehead, is very much stronger in 6.1 than it is in 6.2. Therefore, it is the present writer's contention that Outline Head would be better applied to the first die, if such nicknames must be continued in the literature. In 1859 Dickeson described his die No. 8 as follows: "The head small and round, facing to the left, and the hair a series of continuous small lines. The fillet terminates in a bow, in the center of which there is a circular ring. This type is quite thin, the lightest, we believe, coined in this year. It is known as the laughing effigy piece." Crosby was the first to recognize that there were two varieties of this die. He said in 1875: "The more common of these dies is known as the laughing head; it is a small head with nine broad leaves, very sharply outlined. The head upon the other die has a very simple expression. The first of these [Obv. 6.1] is not very rare, but the last [Obv. 6.2] we have seen but two impressions."

6.1-M

HARMER ROOKE MILLION DOLLAR SALE PART 1, 1969

130 — 1787. Laughing head. M. 6¹-M. Unauthorized issue by Walter Mould at Morristown, N.J., Mint. Very fine, rather dark and somewhat rough patina; light mint clip above OR. Uncommonly choice example of a variety plentiful in worn state. One for the type collectors.

CONNECTICUTS IN GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS? → BARNSLEY

While on the subject of numismatic metrology, perhaps some work should be done on recording the diameter of Connecticuts as well as their thickness, even although this series was never struck with collars on the dies to restrain metal flow. To illustrate how great such expansion can become, I measured my ellipsoidal 4.1-B.1 of 1788 struck over a Nova 4-D.

I found that its long axis is 1 11/64 inch compared to the 60/64 inch diameter of a normally struck Nova 4-D. This "squashing out" of 15/64 inch suggests to me that the second coining operation was done with a hot planchet. What do you think? Of course, some Connecticuts come on larger-than-normal planchets anyway. For example, I find that these three varieties all measure uniformly 1 3/64 inch: 5.10-L of 1786, 6.1-M of 1787, and 33.10-W.6 of 1787. I would say that the average diameter of a single struck Connecticut Copper is 1 inch, but several hundred pieces should be measured in order to get an accurate norm.

STACK'S 1976 ANA SALE' AUG 24, 1976

49 1785 and 1787 Lot of four major types: 1785 Miller 4.1-F.4. The African head. An excellent coin but marred by a tiny hole through the center; 1787 Miller 4-L (scratches and dents). The early state of the horned bust with the break just starting and appearing only as a crescent under the chin; 1787 Miller 6.1-M. Laughing head; 1787 Miller 14-H. The variety with pheons on either side of the date. A nice little group. VERY GOOD TO FINE. 4 pieces. 60.00

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N. PULLEN LIST #2, 1976

1787 LAUGHING HEAD (p.29) Ch. XF, nice lighy brown, very sharp obv., weaker rev., beautiful surfaces. M6¹-M, Rarity 1 $250.

STACK'S SALE JUNE 27, 1975

33 1787 Connecticut. A group of three very popular type coins. Miller 1.2-C (Mutton Head), Miller 4-L (Horned Bust), and Miller 6.1-M (Laughing Head). This group must be seen to be appreciated. Good. 3 pieces.

85

DICK AUGUST LIST, DEC, 1981

44. 1787 Laughing Head. VG rough. 6.1M 18 -

N. PULLEN LIST, 1979

1787 " "Laughing Head" M6¹-M Ch. XF 195.

D. LINETT SALE #2 AUG, 1985

229. As above. Miller 6.1-M. (R-1). The "Laughing Head" variety. Fine. Sharp but a bit rough. $90

D. LINETT SALE #2 AUG, 1985

230. As above. Miller 6.1-M. (R-1). Very Fine. Light brown. A bit weakly struck at the reverse periphery and scratched at the reverse center. $250

N. PULLEN LIST, 1978

1787 Laughing Head M.6¹-M Choice VF-XF 150.

BOWER'S 'RUSBAR COLL' SEPT 10-12, 1990

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POROSITY VF ONLY

1724 1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 6.1-M. EF-40. 117.3 grains. Laughing Head variety. Struck slightly off center on the obverse, rough and somewhat porous flan. Golden brown on both sides, the reverse a darker tone. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2405.

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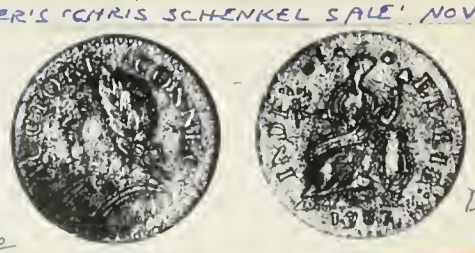
BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990



DARK

220.00

5668 1787 M 6.1-M. "Laughing Head." Rarity-1. EF-40, dark olive. Obverse rough patch at 7:00, near edge. Otherwise, some light gloss to the surfaces. 115.0 grains. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2405.

STACK'S 'L.S. RUDER SALE' SEPT 8, 1987

22 1787 M.6.1-M. "Laughing Head." Fine, a couple of scratches on reverse. Clear details, deeply toned fields, sharp date.

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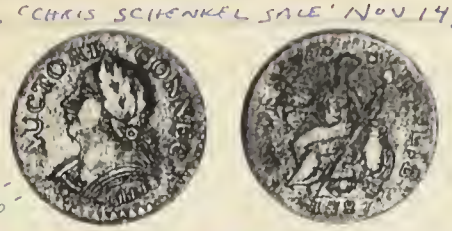
6.1-M

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990



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5382 **1787 Connecticut copper. M6.1-M. Mailed Bust left.** 104.9 grains. Rarity-1. **VF-20.** "Laughing Head" variety. Pleasing, even deep golden brown on both sides. Obverse state later than Taylor:2405, die broken from A to UCTO; reverse die appears much more worn than Fine Tree/EAC'75:73.

132.00

Ex Hays Collection. U.S. Coin Co. auction envelope accompanies this lot.

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

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5383 **1787 Connecticut copper. M6.1-M. Mailed Bust left.** 116.1 grains. Rarity-1. **VF-20.** A second example of the "Laughing Head" variety. Fairly even pale golden brown high points, darker brown and gray-black fields. Obverse slightly off center. Reverse lamination below Liberty's feet. Die states equivalent to Taylor: 2405.

121.00

Ex Steigerwalt Collection; privately to Ryder. Ryder ticket and envelope accompany this lot.

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

DOUBLE STRUCK

FIS+

OBV. MORE DRAMATIC OK

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260-

DOUBLE STRUCK

5669 **1787 M 6.1-M. "Laughing Head."** Rarity-1. **VF-20,** light golden brown. 108.7 grains. Radically shift double struck. First strike off center 45% to the left; second still off center about 1%. States equivalent to Taylor:2405.

286.00

KINGSWOOD 'DARTHMOUTH SALE' FEB 20, 1991

7215 **1787** Connecticut copper. M 6.1-M. "1st Laughing Head" variety. VF-20. 102.2 grains. Dark gray-brown, lighter greenish brown high points. Obverse and reverse major design types clear. Microscopically granular surfaces as often seen.

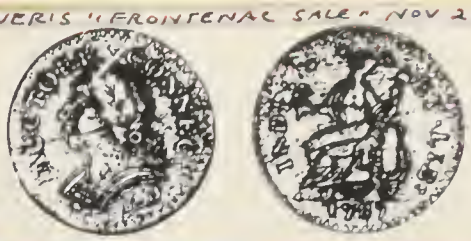
187.00

1787 6.1-M WHT. 109.2 GRAINS.

FINE + LIGHT TAN COLOR.

N. PULLEN 3/78 - R. MARTIN 3/87 - D. MITUZAS

BOWER'S 'FRONTENAC SALE' NOV 20, 1991



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336 **1787 Connecticut copper. M 6.1-M** "Laughing Head" variety **EF-40 to 45.** Rarity-1. 127.3 grains. Deep golden brown obverse, lighter brown reverse. Clear planchet roller flaws visible on both sides, panicularly the reverse. Struck from the perfect states of both dies. A pleasing example of this variety.

SEE STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994 LOT# 135

BOWERS 'QUARTTE SALE' MARCH 26, 1992

1589 1787 Connecticut copper. M 6.1-M. "Laughing Head" variety. VF-20. Rarity-1. 87.9 grains. An attractive olive-brown specimen on glossy, lightly granular surfaces. Well centered, with full obverse and reverse denticle definition. This interesting state copper has its attribution number painted in small figures in the field before the effigy's face. An attractive Connecticut copper that has been in a private collection since 1983.

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From our sale of the Connecticut Historical Society Collection, April 1983, Lot 1549.

BOWERS 'QUARTTE SALE' MARCH 26, 1992

1590 Pair of Connecticut copper varieties: ☆ 1787 M 6.1-M. VF-20. Lightly porous. Rarity-1. 115.3 grains. "Laughing Head" variety. A chocolate brown specimen with golden highlights on the high points, on a lightly granular planchet.

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1 of 2 pieces

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

329 1787 Connecticut copper. M 6.1-M. Mailed Bust Left. VF-20. Rarity-1. 114.9 grains. Laughing Head variety. Sharpness perhaps slightly finer than VF-20, with uniformly granular surfaces in evidence. Well-centered design details on golden brown surfaces.

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BK

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

163 1787 Connecticut copper. M 6.1-M. Mailed Bust Left. VF-20. Rarity-1. 110.6 grains. Die alignment: about 180°. Laughing Head variety. A medium tan specimen, with some faint old circulation marks commensurate with the grade. An altogether pleasing specimen of this popular variety.

88.00

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

160 Trio of 1787 Connecticut coppers: ☆ ~~M 1.2-C. Mailed Bust Right. AG-3 to G-4, moderate porosity. Rarity-3. 122.8 grains. Muttonhead or Bradford Head variety~~ ☆ M 6.1-M. Mailed Bust Left. EF-40 for sharpness, lightly porous surfaces with inactive patina on both sides. Rarity-1. 125.9 grains. Die alignment: 190°. The popular Laughing Head variety, with attribution number lightly painted in left obverse field ☆ ~~M 15-F. Mailed Bust Left. XF-20, perhaps slightly finer, with faint obverse and reverse scratches in evidence. Rarity-4. 97.5 grains.~~ (Total: 3 pieces)

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BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

161 Pair of popular 1787 Connecticut copper varieties: ☆ ~~M 4.1. Mailed Bust Left. VF-30, lightly porous. Rarity-1. 110.6 grains. Popular Horned Bust variety, from moderately advanced state of the die with "horn" die break extending to the effigy's breastplate. Quite attractive despite the faint porosity~~ ☆ M 6.1-M. Mailed Bust Left. VF-20. Rarity-1. 104.5 grains. Die alignment: 190°. An attractive specimen of the popular Laughing Head variety, with mahogany and chocolate brown surfaces. An attractive pair of Connecticut coppers. (Total: 2 pieces) M. RINGO

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SEE BOWER'S 'R. W. MILLER SALE NOV 20, 1992 LOT# 2355
KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6517 Trio of 1787 Connecticut coppers ☆ ~~M 1.1-A. Mailed Bust Right. VG-8, rough planchet surfaces. Rarity-3. 98.4 grains. Obverse style with smallest head of all 1787 issues.~~ M 6.1-M. Mailed Bust Left. VG-8/G-4. Rarity-1. 96.9 grains. Laughing Head variety. A medium tan specimen with some central striking weakness, as often seen for this issue. Former owner's attribution number painted in left obverse field ☆ ~~M 8-O. Mailed Bust Left. F-12/VG-8. Rarity-3. 130.1 grains. Die alignment: 200°. Well centered and reasonably well struck from an issue that is renowned for its shortcomings in both of these areas. Pale golden design details with deeper brown toning highlight on the field. A low grade yet quite attractive group of Connecticut coppers.~~ (Total: 3 pieces)

110.00

6.1-M

SUPERIOR 1975 A.N.A. SALE AUG 19-23, 1975

14 270 1787. Bust left. Laughing Head variety. Extremely Fine 40, medium brown, bold and clean except for a small area of reverse patination about and below the shield. Ex Dr. Thomas Hall; Joseph C. Rovensky; B. Max Mehl 11/30/54 mail auction, lot 2020; H. Philip Speir Estate sold by Stack's on March 8-9, 1974. PHOTO 1787 6.1-M ($250.00–$300.00)

6.1-M

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COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

*2633 302 **1787 M 6.1-M.** MBL. "Laughing Head" variety. R-1. 112.5 gns. Technically ~~Choice Extremely Fine~~, sharpness of Very Fine. Traces of very faded mint color around the letters of the obverse legend. Uniform olive brown. Obverse surface smooth, hard, and glossy; reverse rough, granular, and flawed in right field. Reverse "X" rated faintly in left field. Miller attribution number inked in right obverse field. Obverse broken over AU at rim, subsidiary break from rim through length of left arm of U. Reverse appears perfect. This variety is frequently found in EF condition (Oechsner:1068, Taylor:2405, for example). JUST VF

JUST VF AT BEST

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BOWERS LEXINGTON SALE JAN 6, 1994

82 143 1787 Connecticut copper. M 6.1-M. Mailed Bust Left. VF-30, some weakness on the reverse. Rarity-1. 114.3 grains. A lovely example of the popular **Laughing Head** variety. Much central design strength remains on the obverse, although some minor weakness is seen on the reverse, not unusual for this variety. A tiny flan crease is noted at the tip of the obverse bust, and two minor rim bruises are noted on the reverse. Medium tan surfaces. An attractive example of a very popular variety.

COIN GALLERIES MAIL BID SALE FEB 10, 1993

2081 55 **1787 M.6.1-M.** "Laughing head." Poor. Rarity 1; ~~M.16.1-m. About Good. Rarity 4; M.32.3-X.4. Very Fine, partial puncture. Rarity 2; M.33.19-Z.1. Very Good, obverse rough. Rarity 2; M.33.37-Z.9. Nearly Very Fine for sharpness, deep flaws both sides. Evenly corroded. Rarity 4~~. 5 pieces.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

137 75 130 175 **1787 M.6.1-M.** "Laughing Head" variety. Another. Nearly Very Fine, olive brown, essentially flawless. 112.5 gns. Hidden reverse scratches, obverse rim clip over RI. A decent example for the beginning type collector. Usual obverse break from U to rim.

BOWER'S 'WITHAM & SANSOUCY' SEPT 14-15, 1992

412 50

807 1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 6.1-M Mailed Bust Left. EF-40. Laughing Head variety. Ranty-1. 121.7 grains. Glossy medium brown and deep tan surfaces. A few insignificant scattered obverse marks and very faint reverse granularity do little, if anything, to detract from the overall appeal of this lovely coin. Well centered, boldly rendered design details add to the aesthetic appeal of this distinctive issue. Worthy of serious bidder consideration.

Ex Henry Chapman, numismatist, of Philadelphia, this attractive coin comes with an original envelope bearing Chapman's logo, an added numismatic highlight to this lot

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2120 30 60 66 **1787 M.6.1-M. MBL. "Laughing Head"** variety. Fine. Rarity 1. 100.5 grains. Light gray brown. Surfaces uniformly granular, otherwise flawless. Full inscriptions and date, full profile for the "type." Perfectly centered. A representative example. Die states as Taylor:2405. Obverse broken rim to left stand U.

BOWERS LEXINGTON SALE JAN 6, 1994

83 66 Pair of 1787 Connecticut coppers: ☆ M 6.1-M. Laughing Head variety. F-15, lightly porous. Rarity-1. 102.3 grains. Uniformly porous olive-brown surfaces ☆ ~~M.32.3-X.1. VG-8. Rarity-2. 128.4 grains. Some natural planchet striations on both sides. Medium tan surfaces. A small "ragged edge" clip at 1:00 relative to the obverse, but with all pertinent punctuation marks plainly evident~~. (Total: 2 pieces)

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

135 210 280 308 **1787 Connecticut coppers**, all MBL. ~~M.4-L. A third. R-1. Strong Fine, full "horn." 111.1~~ gns; **M.6.1-M.** R-1. "Laughing Head." Strong Very Fine, or so, obverse flawed across, sharpness in places of Extremely Fine. 127.3 gns; ~~M.11.2-K. Another. R-3. Sharpness of Strong Very Fine, cleaned. 152.2 gns~~. 3 pieces.

The second from Bowers and Merena's sale of the "Frontenac" collection, November 20, 1991, lot 336.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

138 50 130 165 **1787 M.6.1-M.** Another. "Laughing Head." Very Fine/Fine. 121.7 gns. Olive tan and brown, surfaces granular in places, obverse slightly off center.

MIKE RINGO LIST MARCH, 1989

15. 1787 Laughing Head, M.6.1-M. Very Fine detail, but a large edge defect and lamination obscures parts of the legends. Medium brown..... 45.00

MIKE RINGO LIST OCT, 1987

. 1787 Laughing Head, M.6.1-M. Very Fine, smooth chocolate brown surfaces with a couple of old marks. Well centered, virtually full denticles... 225.00

MIKE RINGO LIST JUNE 1987

13. 1787 Laughing Head, M.6.1-M. Very Good, chocolate brown planchet..... 35.00

6.1-M

180
500-

SEE SALE SEPT, 1980 P 96

WHT-126-2

Lot No. 354

STACK'S "D. GROVES SALE" NOV 12, 1974

354 1787 Connecticut. Miller 6.1-M. The **LAUGHING HEAD VARIETY.** Very popular, and an especially choice coin. Perfectly centered with **full denticles obverse and reverse.** A very sharp strike. A very charming light brown specimen on a smooth glossy planchet. **About Uncirculated.**

$500-

STACK'S SALE JAN 31, 1969

47 1787 Miller 6.1-M. The popular laughing head variety. Extremely Fine. A nice light brown, sharply struck specimen. Though common an excellent type coin. $42.50

SEE STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993 LOT # 972 AT # 3575

RARE COIN COMPANY OF AMERICA

LAUGHING HEAD

SALE, APRIL, 1972

Lot No. 390

390. CONNECTICUT 1787 Cent. Laughing head variety. Miller 6 (1)-M. Superb well struck MINT STATE-65 with much original red showing. Planchet crack extends from rim to the second "C" in "Connec" on obverse. By far the FINEST we have ever seen.

$440-

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #8 SPRING, 1993

70 1787 Connecticut. Miller 6.1-M, the "Laughing Head" variety. Rarity-1. 117.0 grains. Extremely Fine in terms of actual wear received. This is one of those good news-bad news coins. First the good: the piece is extremely well struck, with full legends, date and design detail, and with a really choice chocolate brown color that is seldom seen on this variety (most tend to be dark and rough). Even better, it is an ex-Miller coin, with his PAINTED ATTRIBUTION in the left obverse field. Now for the bad news: the coin has been damaged. There are a number of small pockmarks on the obverse. There is an old scratch on the obverse, and several more on the reverse, all of which are quite ancient and which blend in well with the coin's color. This must have been one heck of an attractive coin prior to the damage. Still, it is an extremely high grade coin, with a wonderful pedigree, and at a price that is a small fraction of what the variety usually brings in choice condition! ... $99

Part of Lot #2106 of the Miller collection ?

300-
400-

Lot No. 2000

HERITAGE AUCTIONS #1996 ANA SALE AUG 14, 1996

5263 1787 Connecticut Copper XF-40. M 6.1-M. 7.54 grams. Well-centered and generally well struck except on the lower reverse denticles. The only notable impairments are several planchet flakes out of the obverse. Listed on page 43 of the 1996 *Guide Book*.

STACK'S SALE "APRIL 27-30, 1988

2000 1787 **Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 6.1-M. The "laughing head" variety, punch linked to the New Jerseys. The U is shaped like a horseshoe and a star on the Mail. Excellent overall but for a small planchet crack on the edge between NN. Medium brown with some faded color. **Extremely Fine.**

$440-

BOWER'S "CONN. HIST. SOC. & SHELDON APR 9, 1983

1549 1787 Connecticut. Miller 6.1-M. *Laughing Head* variety. Another souvenir from Lester Merkin's sale of nearly a decade ago, this one appearing as Lot 153, described as: "Nice Fine. Full date, with all details sharp . . . somewhat rough surface, medium brown." This piece, too, has the attribution in white ink on the obverse, an interesting and desirable feature. 61—

$61-

Numismatists all over America, and in the New York City area in particular, will remember the illustrious series of auctions conducted by Lester Merkin a decade or so ago. Featuring top quality coins in combination with expert cataloguing, they set a new standard of excellence.

L. MERKIN SALE" OCT 31, 1973

153 1787 Miller 6.1-M. LAUGHING HEAD. Nice Fine. Full date, with all details sharp (PDV). Somewhat rough surface, medium brown.

COIN GALLERIES SALE" JUNE 5, 1980

1435 1787 Connecticut, M.6.1-M, (R-1), "Laughing Head" variety. Very Fine, light reverse scratches. Ex Stack's Davis-Graves Sale, 1954, with auction envelope.

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST OCT, 1979

42 1787 Miller-6.1-M. "Laughing Head." Very Fine, light Reverse scratches. Ex. Stack's Davis-Graves Sale, 1954, with auction envelope 95.00

STEVE IVY "1983 ANA" FEB 24, 1983

21 1787 Connecticut VERY FINE (20) Mailed Bust Left. Miller 6.1-M (R-1). The famous "Laughing Head" variety. Two-tone medium brown. Extraordinarily sharp and well centered on a full, round flan. A lovely, charismatic coin. Ex Coin Galleries 6/5/80: 1435, Davis-Graves (1954): 26. Both flips accompany (see color photo).

$330-

6.1-M

MAYFLOWER "STEARNS COLL" DEC 2, 1966
175 1787 Laughing Head. 6¹ M (R¹) Nice Very Good 6.50

MAYFLOWER "STEARNS COLL" DEC 2, 1966
174 1787 Laughing Head. 6¹ M (R¹). Very sharp centered light brown
24 — Extremely Fine Small unobtrusive plug bottom right obverse border Very pleasing

STACK'S SALE MAY 13, 1982
46 1787 M.6.1-M. "Laughing Head" variety. A nice type coin on a smooth
150 — planchet. Very Fine. OK+

L. MERKIN SALE, MARCH 15, 1967
42 1787. Mailed bust l. "Laughing head." Miller 6¹-M. Morristown, N. J., mint. Sharpness of Fine, surfaces exceed VF; naturally streaky light brown, beautifully modulated. Exceptional.

SUPERIOR'S "WYATT SALE" SEPT 30-OCT 1, 1985
48 **1787 Cent. Mailed bust left. Miller-6.1-M (R-1).**
99 **"Laughing Head." Fine or better. Light and dark chocolate color, light verdigris at central reverse. Above average for this variety, which is common in Good, but seldom seen better. . . . . ($75-125)**

SAN DIEGO SHOW (ANA SALE) MAR 3, 1990
D. LINNETT

374.00
2399 1787 Cent, Miller 6.1-M, Breen-770, Laughing Head, Mailed Bust Facing Left, ANACS Certified-Very Fine. Another choice example of a major Connecticut type specimen and particularly clean and pleasing for the grade. Well centered with a nice sharp strike and the dark chocolate planchet has highlighted lighter brown highpoints. Another premium quality collector coin. ..... (300-400)

BOWER'S "D. C. MONTGOMERY SALE" FEB 20, 22, 1976

1756 1787 Connecticut. Miller 6.1-M. The *Laughing Head* variety,
180 — so-called because the gentleman on the obverse has a supercilious smirk. Extremely Fine. Deep red and green patination. Unusually fine condition for this popular variety.

A-MARK LIST #1, DEC, 1972

1787 M6.1M, R1, the popular laughing head variety, represented here by a choice Extremely Fine at (PHOTO) $119.00

KAGIN'S "344TH SALE" AUG 23-24, 1987
3648 1787 Connecticut. Miller-6.1-M, mailed bust left. The laughing head variety. Clear double striking on the obverse, especially at the top lettering. Obverse is basically Very Fine, while reverse closer to Fine with weakness around the rims. Original medium brown. There are traces of white ink letters in left field. 132 —

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 15, 1985
1686 — 1787 M.6.1-M. The "Laughing head" variety.
143 — Well centered, deep brown with the relief elements contrasting tan. Somewhat granular, and the last digit of the date weakened as a result. A couple of faint hairlines on the reverse, visible with a glass. Very Fine, the obverse stronger than the reverse.

BOWER'S "ARNOLD & ROMISA" SEPT 17-19, 1984
628 1787 Connecticut. Miller 6.1-M. *Laughing Head* variety. Very Fine
25 — but deeply porous and granular. 27.50 UGLY

SAN DIEGO SHOW (D. LINETT) JAN 22, 1988
410 1787, CONNECTICUT, M 6.1-M, Laughing Head variety, R-1, Very
145 — Fine. Light brown in color with glossy, slightly irregular surfaces. A pleasing coin and a major type piece of this series.....(200-275)

BOWER'S "L. HEWITT SALE" NOV 14, 1984
2740 1787 Connecticut. Miller 6.1-M. Laughing Head variety. Fine to Very Fine. Some edge bumps and scattered flaws, including a fissure at the center of the obverse and an indentation at the lower right of the reverse. Light brown coloration. 44 —

BOWER'S "GREENWALD & JACKSON SALE" SEPT 11-13, 1995
3110 1787 M 6.1-M. Mailed Bust Left. VG to Fine, some light porosity.
160 — 190 — 205 — Rarity-1. 114.5 grains. One of the popular Laughing Head varieties
1 OF 2 PIECES

L. MERKIN SALE, OCT 31, 1973
153 — 1787 Miller 6.1-M. LAUGHING HEAD. Nice Fine. Full date, with all details
35 — sharp. (PDV). Somewhat rough surface, medium brown.

99 COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988
1224 1787 ~~M.1-P. Mailed bust left. Good. Planchet not completely round due to rim bumps;~~ M.6.1-M. "Laughing head." Nearly Very Good; ~~M.8-O. About Good and porous; M.15-F. Good but with numerous pinscratches~~. 4 pieces.

PAUL KAGIN LIST, APR, 1984
1787 Laughing Head M 6.1-M Fine 1.00

6.1-M

STACK'S ANS GALA BENEFIT AUCTION NOV 17, 1993

600-
800-

EX. OECHSNER

JUST FAIR XF

Lot No. 101

DON PARRICK

101 **1787 M.6.1-M. MBL.** R-1. From our sale of the Herbert M. Oechsner Collection, September 9, 1988, lot 1068, where it was described further as "The 'Laughing Head' variety. 107.5 grains. **Extremely Fine,** a match in sharpness to the Taylor specimen but there are light cleaning scratches in the fields, and minor granularity on the lower reverse. All elements clear and sharp, full denticles on both sides. Medium brown and walnut, some traces of deep red."

Anonymous gift.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

180-
325-
357.50

NICE VF

Lot No. 972

972 **1787 M.6.1-M. MBL.** "Laughing Head" variety. Rarity 1. A second. Very Fine and Choice, or better. 110.9 gns. Olive brown, with some "wood grain" surface effect. Mostly smooth and hard. Just a few light marks both sides. Small planchet variety. Later die states than the preceding, both with thin breaks.

From our January 31, 1969 sale, lot 47. AT $42.50

COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 16, 1994

Lot No. 1728

1728 **1787 Connecticut copper.** M.6.1-M (R-1). MBL. "Laughing Head" variety. 112.5 gns. Technically **Choice Extremely Fine,** sharpness of Very Fine. Traces of very faded mint color around the letters of the obverse legend. Uniform olive brown. Obverse surface smooth, hard and glossy; reverse rough, granular and flawed in right field. Reverse 'X' rated faintly in left field. Miller attribution number inked in right obverse field. Obverse broken over AU at rim, subsidiary break from rim through length of left arm of U. Reverse appears perfect.

357.50

EAN MAIL BID SALE MARCH 18, 1995

82 **1787 CT Copper, a second Miller 6.1-M, Very Fine.** Dark, chocolate brown, with pleasing, smooth surfaces. An extremely minor edge clip of less than one percent is noted on the upper left obverse (this barely affects the denticles). ..... (300-400)

STACK SALE SEPT 9, 1993

1787 MILLER 6.1-M

XF DARK OLIVE GLOSSY BROWN

High Condition Census Sharpness

200-
950-

Lot No. 971

TO GEORGE PERKINS

971 **1787 M.6.1-M. MBL.** The "Laughing Head" variety. Rarity 1. **About Uncirculated.** 111.1 gns. Dark brown with some ruddy highlights. Surfaces smooth, hard, and glossy. Minor roughness behind effigy's head; a few very light marks. Planchet flawed on obverse edge at 4:30, wide split there; minor flaw reverse rim at 11:00. Otherwise an exceptional coin of **Condition Census** sharpness and overall net grade. Surpassed by Garrett:1353 but sharper than Oechsner:1068 and a nicer looking example than 32 others seen. Large planchet variety. Perfect die states.

1,045

SEE → *From our April 27, 1988 sale, lot 32.* AT $522.50

COIN GALLERIES PERKINS DUP'S APRIL 14, 1993

1976 **Starter set of 1787 Mailed Bust Right varieties,** with some duplicates. Grades range from About Good to Fine, with most being Very Good to Fine. Usual planchet qualities for these grades. Most varying shades of brown. ~~M.2-B. Rarity 3; M.4-L. Rarity 1. Full "Horn" break; another.~~ No "Horn" break; M.6.1-M. "Laughing Head". Rarity 1; ~~M.6.2-M. "Second Laughing Head". Rarity 3; M.9-R. "1787/8 Overdate". Rarity 6; another; a third; M.11.2-K. Rarity 3; another; M.13-D. Rarity 4; another; M.14-H. Pheons at Date. Rarity 4; M.15-F. CONNECT. Rarity 4. The last of the 1787 MBR varieties until Miller 52.~~ 14 pieces.

250.00
275.00

BOWER'S M.H.S SALE NOV 18, 1994

3204 **1787-dated Connecticut copper trio:** ☆ ~~M.4-L. Mailed Bust Left. F-12. Rarity-1. 106.8 grains. Horned Bust variety. A moderately late state of the obverse die, with "horn" die break now joined to effigy's breastplate. Glossy brown surfaces, choice for the grade.~~ ☆ M.6.1-M. Mailed Bust Left. VF-20. Rarity-1. 128.9 grains. Laughing Head variety. Glossy medium brown surfaces. Very slightly bent and displaying a scattering of tiny marks, otherwise an attractive coin for this grade ☆ ~~M.32.2-X.1. Draped Bust Left. F-12. Rarity-8. 142.1 grains. Dark olive brown surfaces. Lightly granular in areas.~~ (Total: 3 pieces)

121

STACK'S SALE NOV 30, 1994

21 **1787 Connecticut. M.6.1-M.** The Laughing head variety. Nearly Extremely Fine, deep olive brown, a decent example of this popular type.

70

EAN MAIL BID SALE MARCH 18, 1996

81 **1787 CT Copper, Miller 6.1-M, Laughing Head variety. Choice Very Fine.** Rarity 1. A sharp and clear example. Glossy, dark brown, with a nice obverse and only a few tiny reverse defects. A lovely example of this unusual head type. ..(300-400)

6.1-M

BOWERS M.H.S. SALE NOV 18, 1994

3181 A selection of Connecticut coppers,

192.50 1 OF 7 PIECES ☆ 1787 M 6.1-M. Mailed Bust Left. G-4. Rarity-1. 100.0 grains. Laughing Head variety. Sharpness approaching a much higher grade, but uniformly porous and dark. From an advanced state of the obverse die, with diagonal crack running from second C in CONNEC diagonally upward through effigy's hair ☆ 1 OF 7 PIECES

HERITAGE AUCTIONS - 1996 ANA SALE AUG 14, 1996

Condition Census "Laughing Head" Connecticut Copper

TO TONY TERRANOVA

5264 1787 Connecticut Copper AU 55. Miller 6.1-M. 7.58 grams. The so-called "Laughing Head" variety, and a splendid coin it is. Previously sold in the Stack's sale of December 3, 1971, where it was described as, "...fairly common, but very popular type...Perfectly centered and sharply struck on an exceptionally nice, smooth planchet. Very little if any wear at all. Every detail in pinpoint sharpness. A truly magnificent coin, and without a doubt in the condition census. A lovely rich chocolate brown color. Ex: Yale Collection. 12/3/71 LOT #66

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "CH GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

165-200-220.00

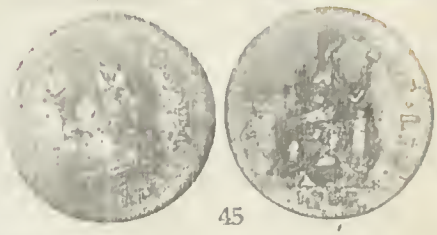
274 1787 CONNECTICUT COPPER M.6.1-M THE LAUGHING HEAD (R-1) VF20. 125.8 gns. Attractive choice glossy brown. Some very light scattered marks or planchet flaws, none of which are distracting. All design elements are strong, including the vast majority of the denticles. An interesting coin, attributed to Walter Mould at Morristown and punch linked to the New Jersey copper series.

EAN (D. LINETT) MAIL BID SALE AUG 29, 1992

1032 Lot of Two Connecticuts, Fine to About Good. Both dated 1787. Laughing Head variety, Miller 6.1-M ~~and other, Miller 37.5~~ c. Both nice coins for type. Cleaned at one time, one slightly bent. Sold "as is." (2 coins). .....(110-190)

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #4 SPRING, 1991

45. 1787. Miller 6.1-M, Breen 770. Rarity-1. The first "Laughing Head" variety. 115.1 grains. Extremely Fine. Darker olive brown, with some traces of underlying mint lustre. The surfaces are fairly nice, quite unusual as this variety is often seen on microscopically porous planchets. Exceptionally well struck, with full, sharp details on either side, including full legends, date, and even the majority of the denticles! Although Laughing Head's can be found in grades of Very Fine or so, they are quite rare in higher grades, and of the pieces offered recently, very few could match the eye-appeal of the present specimen. A most attractive example of the type, quite close in quality to the Oechsner specimen [at $660] and the Taylor coin (at $687.50); much finer than that Roper or Norweb coins. Certainly fit for a high-grade collection or type set, and, at a great price. (PLATE).....$379



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STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

525-725-797.50 XF TOO DARK

Lot No. 49

49 1787 M.6.1-M. MBL. R-1. Laughing Head variety. Extremely Fine. 102.8 gns. Nice, deep olive-green and brown, the color is about as pretty as this variety ever comes. Trace of old, reddish surface corrosion products around TOR on obverse. A few, minor hairline scratches elsewhere, but nothing really distracting on the piece. Not a Condition Census coin, just a pleasing example of the variety. Perfect die states.

BOWER'S HALPERN SALE! MARCH 24, 1995

3335 Selection of Connecticut coppers, ~~including several popular varieties: ☆ 1785 African Head. M 4.1-F.4. G-6 to VG-8. Rarity-1. 122.4 grains. Typical weakness at rims. Deep tan surfaces ☆ 1787 Horned Bust. M 4-L. G-6. Rarity-1. 103.6 grains. Cleaned long ago. Surfaces are now steel brown with light porosity~~ ☆ 1787 M 6.1-M. Laughing Head variety. G-4. Rarity-1. 100.0 grains. Sharpness approaching a much higher grade, but uniformly porous and dark. From an advanced state of the obverse die, with a diagonal crack running from second C in CONNEC diagonally upward through effigy's hair ☆ 1 OF 7 PIECES

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL # 9 SUMMER, 1994

125 1787 Connecticut, Miller 6.1-M, another. 103.3 grains. Very Fine, as usual the obverse a bit stronger than the reverse. Full obverse legends; INDE is weak on the reverse, though the rest of the legends and the date are all strong. Clean medium brown surfaces, free of any major damage; a few small rim ticks aren't noticeable at all. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in the left obverse field, again in yellowed ink. A pleasing example of the variety, and a perfect type coin as well. WAS $49.....NOW $39

ROSA AMERICAN LTD (J. ROCK) FPL # 10 SPRING, 1995

121 1787 Connecticut, Miller 6.1-M, another. 108.0 grains. About Very Fine, generally well struck, with full legends and date, as well as sharp design details on either side, as expected for the variety. Medium brown surfaces that have some scattered marks on either side and a small dent at the rim at the top of the obverse. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in the left obverse field, in white ink that has yellowed with age. An inexpensive example of this popular variety.....$39

6.1-M

EAN AUCTIONS (DANA LINETT) NOV 16, 1996

46 1787 CT Copper, "Laughing Head", nearly Extremely Fine. 115.6 grains. Miller 6.1-M. Glossy brown, but with some minor planchet flaws, most noticeably a small scratch coming out of the mouth of the head, and a small spot above the R in AUCTORI. Otherwise, this coin is nicely detailed, with most of the hairlines visible and separated, and with a strong, clear date on the reverse. Another popular GUIDEBOOK variety. ..... (600-700)

EAN AUCTION (D. LINETT) APRIL 20, 1996

45 1787 CT Copper, Miller 6.1-M, Very Fine. 109.4 grains. Brick-red high points contrast with the olive-green fields. The obverse shows several marks and shallow scratches; the reverse shows some rim dings. Still an appealing coin despite the defects. ..... (200-275)

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 SALE" OCT 12, 1996 LOT # 205

EAN AUCTION (D. LINETT) SEPT 15, 1995

391 1787 CT Copper, Miller 6.1-M, "Laughing Head" variety, Very Fine or better. Rarity 1. Rich brown colorations, with nice surfaces except for some scattered granularity. An above average example of this popular issue. ..... (350-450)

BOWER'S "SEBRING & GARBE SALE" MARCH 21, 1996

1085 1787 Connecticut copper. Mailed Bust Left. M 6.1-M. VF. One of the Laughing Head varieties. Rarity-1. 118.4 grains. Lightly cleaned long ago, but still a nice representative of a popular type. Well centered and free of significant marks. 220

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 SALE" OCT 12, 1996

200-250-275 SEE COLOR PHOTO

204. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.6.1-M (R-1) VF25 116.7 gns. Light chestnut brown. Popular Laughing Head variety. Problem free planchet. Strike well centered. Sharp and clear example. Full date and legends. Some minute scratches on reverse, non-distracting. Nice affordable type of Connecticut state coinage.

EAN AUCTION (D. LINETT) APRIL 20, 1996

High Grade 1787 Laughing Head

44 1787 CT Copper, Miller 6.1-M, Choice Extremely Fine. 108.4 grains. A choice, olive-brown example and a very high-grade type coin. The surfaces are nice and clean and the overall eye appeal is exceptional. A wonderful coin for the variety specialist. ..... (700-900)

EAN AUCTION (D. LINETT) SEPT 15, 1995

392 1787 CT Copper, a second Miller 6.1-M. Dark brown, with tan high points. Somewhat glossy, with an expected number of light circulation marks and some trivial roughness on the reverse. An extremely minor edge clip is noted on the lower right side of the obverse. Overall, a nice example of this popular GUIDEBOOK "type" variety. ..... (300-400)

SEE EAN AUCTION (D. LINETT) APRIL 20, 1996 #45

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

205. 120 1787 CONNECTICUT M.6.1-M MBL (R-1) VF20 109.2 gns. The "Laughing Head". A pleasing subtle contrast of slightly darker and lighter chocolate tones in the fields and high points. Reasonably smooth in appearance despite faint roughness in the planchet, nowhere severe. An old pin scratch runs from the left rim to the neck and there are a few other slight obverse marks while the reverse has three scattered mild rim bruises. A nice example BOOK #120-

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 SALE" OCT 12, 1996

278. 176 1787 CONNECTICUT COIN SEXTET: 1787 M.6.1-M MBL (R-1) VG8 104.0 gns. "Laughing Head". Reflective olive brown, even light to moderate porosity, faint X scratched on obverse.
1 OF 6 PIECES

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

206. 77 1787 CONNECTICUT M.6.1-M MBL (R-1) VF20 107.6 gns. Another example. Chocolate brown. Most of the obverse is fairly smooth but there is an area of significant pitting to the right of the head from 2:00 to 5:00 that somehow avoids both the legend and the design

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

202. 325 1787 CONNECTICUT M.6.1-M MBL (R-1) PCGS VF35. Laughing Head variety. Problem free light olive brown. The obverse is only faintly granular and appears smooth. The reverse just slightly more granular. Both sides well struck and well centered BOOK #325

6.1-M

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 GRIFFEE SALE OCT 21, 1995

31 273 1787 CONNECTICUT COPPER M.6.1-M THE LAUGHING HEAD (R-1) VG8 105.8gns. Struck on a striated planchet that limits design definition. Medium brown. There is a full date and nearly full legends. Most interesting, perhaps even more so than its connection to the Horned Bust (M.4-L) and the New Jersey 67-v, is the fact that this coin bears the markings of acceptance into an early collection through the variety numbers painted on the obverse. The left field shows the Miller number, whereas the right field is marked with a simple D. The purchaser may wish to do further research to determine the pedigree on this coin.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

203 1787 CONNECTICUT M.6.1-M MBL (R-1) PCGS VF35. Laughing Head variety. Dark chestnut brown planchet. Porous, glossy surfaces. Minute obverse scratches from obverse field between "O" and "R" of AUCTORI downwards through nose, plus from rim to mailing. Reverse has light planchet flaw line running from rim between two astrisks downward to Liberty's drapery. Well centered and well struck, as typical for this variety. Clearly legible legends and date. Not condition census, but pleasant nonetheless. BOOK #325

M & G 2ND C4 SALE "BARNES COLL" OCT 12, 1996
LOT#204 1787 M.6.1-M WHT.. 116.7 GRAINS

STACK'S SALE MAY 6, 1997

1787 MILLER 6.1-M
ONE OF THE FINEST KNOWN

Lot No. 354

354 **1787 Connecticut.** M.6.1-M. **Laughing Head variety.** Extremely Fine/About Uncirculated. **One of the Finest Known.** 114.1 gns. Rarity 1. Both the obverse and reverse of this important specimen are toned in an attractive, rich olive brown. One or two areas of stabilized verdigris can be seen around the top of the reverse, but these do not disturb the importance of the piece. Well struck, with a very sharp outline to the effigy's face on the obverse, most hairlines showing, and nearly full male detail. On the reverse, the central device is somewhat soft, but as made. All devices are entirely on flan, and the surfaces are bright, smooth, and appear hard to the naked eye.

STACK'S SALE "PERKINS" JAN 14, 1998

241 **1787 M.6.1-M.** MBL. Laughing Head. R-1. 112.1 gns. Choice Very Fine. Struck on a dark, almost gray-black planchet. Surfaces granular but uniformly so and, therefore, not very distracting. Central devices and legends on both sides appear strong. Overall, a very acceptable example.

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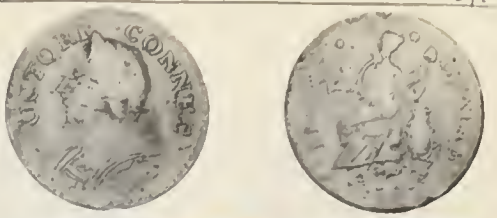
Perfect die states.

6.1-M

EARLY AMERICAN NUMISMATIC AUCT. JAN 18, 1997

552 1787 CT Copper, Miller 6.1-M, "Laughing Head" variety, Very Fine or better. 116.3 grains. Rarity 1. Rich brown colorations, with nice surfaces except for some scattered granularity. An above average example of this popular issue. . (375-400)

EARLY AMERICAN NUMISMATICS AUCT. JAN 18, 1997



554 1787 CT Copper, Miller 6.1-M, Very Fine. 109.4 grains. Brick-red high points contrast with the olive-green fields. The obverse shows several marks and shallow scratches; the reverse shows some rim dings. Still an appealing coin despite the defects. .... (200-275)

EARLY AMERICAN NUMIS. AUCT. APRIL 26, 1997

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554 1787 CT Copper, "Laughing Head", Very Fine. 105.9 grains. Miller 6.1-M, Rarity 1. Attractive, dark brown colorations. Struck on a slightly bulged planchet with nice surfaces and very few marks. A pleasing example of this popular GUIDEBOOK variety.

EAN AUCTION (D. LINETT) SALE JAN 18, 1997

553 1787 CT Copper, Miller 6.1-M, PCGS graded VF-35, Laughing Head, Mailed Bust Left. Rarity 1. Glossy dark brown, typical soft strike. (475-550)

STACK'S SALE "EMPIRE STATE COLL" JAN 15, 1997

8 1787 Connecticut. Miller 6.1-M. Laughing Head Choice Very Fine, brown. A *Red Book* listed variety

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "MAIL BID SALE" JAN 18, 1997

735. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.6.1 MBL R1 F-15 114.1 gns The "Laughing Head" Dark olive brown with extensive light porosity, light scratches at base of obverse and numerous reverse hairlines

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

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165. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.6.1-M MBL (R-1) F12 70.7 gns The "Laughing Head". This is an essentially unattractive, yet extremely interesting, coin due to its remarkably low weight. This coin is actually struck on an unclipped and very broad planchet with the result that it is wafer thin and less than half the weight a standard issue should be. Reflective and for the most part brown with substantial reverse areas that are ruddish. It has significant pitting and is corroded in places. Well centered with virtually full dentils on both sides

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

164. 49 1787 CONNECTICUT M.6.1-M MBL (R-1) VF20 109.2 gns. The "Laughing Head". Dark chocolate fields, lighter at raised points. Lightly rough but reflective surfaces. The obverse with several scratches, the reverse with some hairlines and a few nicks on the rims.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

240. THREE CONNECTICUT COPPERS. ~~1785 M.6.3-G.1 MBR (R-3) VF20 139.2 gns.~~ Dark brown with ~~light brown devices. Central punch mark on obverse. Struck off center. Smooth planchet.~~ ~~WITH~~ 1787 M.6.1-M (R-1) VF20 128.9 gns. Popular "Laughing Head" variety. Bent planchet with porosity. Peripheral weakness.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

246. FIVE CONNECTICUT COPPERS. 1786 M.5.4-O.1 MBL (R-2) VG10 131.2 gns. ~~Attribution number painted onto obverse left field. Medium brown. Full legends and date, although somewhat weak in spots. Obverse punch mark. Planchet flaws at obverse rim 6-8 o'clock.~~ WITH 1787 M.6.1-M MBL (R-1) VG8 95.3 gns. "Laughing Head" variety. Medium brown. Uneven detail on obverse. Attribution number painted onto obverse field. Entire reverse weak.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

243. TWO POPULAR VARIETIES OF CONNECTICUT COPPERS. ~~1785 M.4.1-F.4 MBR (R-1) VG8 135.7 gns. "African Head" variety. Coarse planchet. Weak peripheries. No visible date~~ ~~WITH~~ 1787 M.6.1M MBL (R-1) VG10 98.3 gns. "Laughing Head" variety. Damage, primarily on reverse at 5 o'clock. Weak peripheries. Date mostly visible. Porous. Total 2 pieces

STACK'S SALE SEPT 16, 1997

123 1787 M.6.1-M. Mailed Bust Left. Laughing Head. R-1. 129.2 gns. Nearly Extremely Fine, almost the equal of the Taylor coin. Olive brown in color on both sides, with a few scattered darker flecks. Both surfaces microgranular, some minor reverse pitting that is barely perceptible. Planchet cutter outlines on both sides. Perfect die states.

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1100
1210

Ex David Sonderman in June, 1974. VF/XF OLIVE BROWN OK

This variety was said to be punch linked to New Jersey M 67-v. The distinctive, horseshoe shaped U in AUCTORI was thought to be the same punch used to make the U in PLURIBUS on the New Jersey v reverse. Later, photo-overlay analysis conducted by the present writer showed that the two punches were not identical, however. The linkage between NJ 67-v and CT 6.1-M is therefore an illusion.

6.1-M

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

A BOLDLY DOUBLE STRUCK MILLER 6.1-M
The "Laughing Head" Variety

109 1787 Connecticut. Miller 6.1-M, the first "Laughing Head" variety. Rarity-1 for the variety, High Rarity-7 for the error. 114.5 grains. Bold Very Fine, sharply struck and with nice design details on either side. The coin is BOLDLY DOUBLE STRUCK, expanding the planchet to a full 29 mm. The legends are full and the date is sharp. The original strike is obvious as a full ORI CONNEC above and shifted very slightly to the right of those legends on the second strike. The double striking on the reverse is a little more subtle, though the base of the first shield is easily visible near the rim between LIB and the date. Attractive medium brown surfaces, hard and somewhat glossy. A few light handling marks on the obverse, of no note. An extremely dramatic error, the first that we've seen on this variety, and as it is on a major type in the series, sure to be in great demand from both serious Connecticut collectors as well as those rare breeds that collect colonial errors.....$679

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

174. 1787 Connecticut. Miller 6.1-M, another "Laughing Head." 101.4 grains. Better than Fine/Good, the reverse much weaker than the obverse, from a failing die. The obverse legend is full and strong, and there are sharp design details including most hair, armor and facial features. The reverse is struck from a die that must have failed quite rapidly, with only a trace of ETLIB and portions of the seated figure visible; oddly, the date is almost completely there. Attractive lighter brown surfaces, with a couple of light striations but some nice surface gloss and free of post-striking damage or defect. A very attractive circulated example of this popular variety, and the first that we have ever seen of this terminal reverse die state, which is doubtless quite a bit rarer than the usually seen die state.....$59

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

173. 1787 Connecticut. Miller 6.1-M, the "Laughing Head" variety. Rarity-1. 94.6 grains. Fine or so, a bit weaker than that grade level in some areas. The legends are fully visible save for the first letter of AUCTORI; the date is visible but a bit weaker than the rest. Medium brown surfaces, free of defect and actually quite clean and choice for a circulated piece. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in the left field, a large "M" in the right; the letters are large and apparently not the Canfield ones that were long thought to be Miller's own writing. A pleasing example of a popular naked-eye variety, listed in the Redbook and always popular with both type and variety collectors. It's also cheap at just.....$69

Quite lightweight, the authorized weight for Connecticut coppers was 50% greater than this!

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIX #14 SUMMER 1999

143. 1787 Connecticut Copper. Miller 6.1-M, another "Laughing Head" variety. 106.8 grains. Extremely Fine, the strike quite high in that grade level. A very sharply struck example of this unique type coin. The legends and date are full and sharp, and the design detail is extremely bold – full hair, face and bust detail on the obverse figure, and good drapery and globe detail on the reverse; apparently these dies were cut quite shallow, as the variety strikes up better than any other Connecticut copper. Medium brown surfaces, hard and pleasing overall. The obverse has a few ancient hairline scratches, quite narrow and all toned down to the color of the coin, so not that visible without a glass; other than that, free of all but the most trivial of planchet imperfections. Although this is another readily available variety, it is getting quite difficult to find in higher grades. While this one does have the aforementioned old scratches, it is also available at a fraction of the price of a perfect example. Given the fact that the piece has exceptional eye appeal and great color as well, we think it a bargain at this price level – we were able to buy it right, and can pass the savings along!.....$279

1787 6.1-M ANS ASCENSION 2005 (BARNSLEY)

6.1-M

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

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AN INCREDIBLE UNCIRCULATED LAUGHING HEAD
One of the Nicest Connecticut Coppers Known!

balderdash!

142. 1787 Connecticut Copper. Miller 6.1-M, the "Laughing Head" obverse. Rarity-1. 116.3 grains (as reported prior to the piece being slabbed). Choice Uncirculated (PCGS MS63BN). An incredible example of this distinct type coin, and easily one of the finest specimens known – of this or ANY Connecticut copper variety! Boldly struck, with the legends and date full, bold and every letter completely squared off; the date fully on the planchet, and with a full row of denticles beneath it. The design details are razor-sharp – ever strand of hair on the obverse effigy's hair is distinct, and the shallowly-engraved face and armor details are of medallic sharpness. The reverse boasts full drapery lines on the seated figure as well as full face, hair, globe and shield details – so sharply struck that the tiny lines within each of the stars can be seen with the naked eye! While the variety does tend to come well struck, this specimen is sharper than just about any other example that we have ever seen. Even better than the strike, the surfaces are a completely original light chocolate brown color, hard and quite glossy, the reverse looking almost prooflike. There is a small, slightly darker toning spot at the O of AUCTORI, else the color is even and perfect. A minuscule planchet flaw can be seen at the obverse rim above the O of CONNEC, and there is an equally tiny flaw at the reverse rim near the seated figure's foot. Neither of these can really even be seen with the naked eye and are not the least bit disturbing – they are mentioned here for full accuracy in cataloguing as well as for the possibility of tracing any earlier pedigree information on the coin (a coin in this grade level would have been plated in just about any sale it appeared in, from the late 19th century down to the present day). One of the few instances of accuracy in grading we've seen for PCGS slabbed colonials, and the ONLY such slab that we haven't felt like liberating! The number of truly choice Uncirculated Connecticut coppers is a small figure indeed – and the number of available choice pieces is constantly shrinking as specimens are disappearing into major collections of the series just as fast as they are auctioned! Take a look at the sales that have had several Uncirculated pieces – EAC '75, Garrett, Oecshner and Hessberg being the most notable – and see how few of those coins have reappeared on the numismatic market at ANY price level! Easily one of the finest examples known of this distinct type coin – beaten by only one example that we are aware of, the phenomenal Choice Uncirculated Garrett coin (at $8,000 nearly two decades ago!) and tied with the Uncirculated Steinberg specimen for Second Finest Known. The Condition Census is rounded out by a couple of AU coins – the Reed Hawn specimen (at $3300). the one on Stack's 1997 Fixed Price List (at $3750) and one in Stack's August, 1993 sale which had noticeable planchet flaws. The census drops quickly from this lofty level, with EF's in Oecshner, Robison, the Picker Reference Collection (weak and heavily scratched) and both the ANS ad CNL permanent collections. There were VF's in Roper, Norweb, Schenkel, EAC '75, the third Perkins sales and in several other auctions and price lists, and VF seems to be a very typical grade for the variety. Not an inexpensive coin by any means, but a piece that can lift a variety or type collection into the realm of the truly outstanding. Pedigreed back over a quarter century and previously in the collection of Yale University for much of the previous century! An opportunity that will not be soon repeated, and an exceptional opportunity for the collector who demands the best. $4299

For those keeping track of pedigree information, this is the same coin that was extensively advertised last year by a noted dealer with a large inventory of slabbed colonial coins. It was originally offered at a price of just over $10,000, but was later reduced to $8000 and then $7500. While the rarity of an Uncirculated coin might make it worth that level, we were able to acquire it for significantly less than that figure.

LOT #66 AS AU

The pedigree of this particular example can be traced back to Stack's December, 1973 sale where it was catalogued as being "ex Yale collection," one of a small number of pieces sold by Yale University in the late 1960's. While much of Yale's collection was stolen in the mid-1960's (including their Massachusetts silver, New Jersey and Vermont coppers), their Connecticut coppers collection was untouched, possibly because the thieves did not have enough time to empty every cabinet of coins, possibly because Connecticuts were then fairly inexpensive items, pursued by only a small handful of collectors who would probably be able to recognize specimens from that source.

6.1-M

BOWERS "SACCONE COLL" NOV 6-8, 1989

Maris 67-v

Punch Linked to 1787 Conn. M 6.1-M

1648 **1788 New Jersey. M 67-v.** Rarity-1. 148.7 grains. VF-30, gray and yellow tan. Brushed. Planchet pit over final U on the reverse. Perfect obverse die, early reverse sinking on I, but that letter is still strong. Definitely punch linked to 1787 Connecticut Miller 6.1-M (see footnote).

It has long been stated in numismatic catalogues and other references that Maris 67-v was punch linked to Miller 6.1-M, a 1787 Connecticut copper. However, no listing of the individual punch links has ever been published, and this assertion has, until now, rested primarily upon credibility of its exponents.

Transparent film prints were made of the obverse and reverse of this example and the obverse and reverse of the Connecticut copper in Lot 1545, above. The enlarged transparent prints were then overlaid, and the individual letter and numeral punches compared under magnification. The following is a listing of the letter and numeral punches present in common on the both dies, with their equivalences or differences.

N of UNUM and CONNEC — identical punches.
C of CAESAREA & CONNEC — identical punches.
A of AUCTORI & CAESAREA & NOVA — identical punches.
O of NOVA & AUCTORI — different punches.
R of PLURIBUS & AUCTORI — different punches.
All I's — different punches.
All B's — different punches.
*'s — different punches.

178 in the dates are near perfect matches, 8 particularly so. The lower stroke of 7 seems wider on the Connecticut than on the New Jersey, but the peculiarly shaped re-entrant angle of 7 has the same shape and the top stroke is of identical length on both dies.

Most interestingly, the U employed in PLURIBUS and that used in AUCTORI do not match! The right side of that letter on the Connecticut die is slightly narrower, and has a long thin top to the right serif, while on the New Jersey die the U's have squat serifs, longer to the left than to the right. These U's have long been called the James Atlee horseshoe-shaped U's, but this present photo-optical comparative excercise does not bear out their identity.

At this point, a short word on the reliability and usefulness of apparent punch linkages between dies from different series may be in order. While two letters or numerals may appear to be identically shaped to the naked eye, more proof of their identity is required than visual examination. The best way known tu the present writer of identifying punches across different dies and series is to make enlarged transparent film prints and overlay the enlarged letters or numerals and note the correspondences or differences.

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

6.2-M

74* **1787. M. 6.2–M. Second "Langhing Head."** High R–4, possibly R–5. Similar but period after I centered, not too high as in preceding. **Very Fine,** bold impression except at borders, which were not brought up and which show some very faint dents; minute planchet defects, as made. One of three finest of this variety, so far as we know, the others being the Miller Plate coin and lot 154 of the Merkin sale, a sleeper at only $170; little overall difference in quality among these. **(Photo)** **($150.–200.)** $200

*Bids accepted by mail only.

$200

EAC '75

74

1787 6.2-M WHT. 125.3 GR

N. PULLEN 3/77 – R. MARTIN
CHOICE VERY FINE

PINE TREE
FEB 15, 1975
EAC '75 SALE

(337) **1787.** Similar. M. 6.2–M. High R–4, possibly R–5. Second "Laughing Head," alias "Outlined" or "Simple" Head. **Some details of VF sharpness, others more like Fine,** but very rough and porous, and fields show that some corrosion was skillfully removed. As the unimpaired VF, (lot 74) was called "one of three finest," the present coin retains importance even as it is. Ex T. L. Craige, Feb. 1970, Alan Kessler. **(Photo)** **($100.–up)** $95

*Bids accepted by mail only. EAC '75

$95

EX. EAC '75' LOT # 337

(219) **1787 Mailed Bust Left. M.6.2-M.** (High R-4) **Some details of VF sharpness,** others more like Fine. Rough and porous with evidence of some corrosion skillfully removed. **($35-50)** 24.00

$24 –

PINE TREE "BREEN III" JUNE 18, 1978

PINE TREE "FUN '77 JAN 8, 1977

(20) **1787.** Mailed Bust Left. M.6.2-M. (High R-4) **Some details of VF sharpness,** others more like Fine. Rough and porous with evidence of some corrosion skillfully removed.

1787 M 6.2-M

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

BIT DARK
FEW SCRATCHES

$165 –

TAYLOR

2406 **1787 Connecticut. M 6.2-M. Mailed Bust Left.** The second Laughing Head variety. 131.1 grains. R-3. **VF-30.** Even, rich golden brown on surfaces which are clear and free from later handling marks. Overall sharpness equivalent to the Pine Tree E.A.C. specimen. Finest known still appears to be the Garrett Collection example.

$110 – BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

2407 **1787 Connecticut. M 6.2-M. Mailed Bust Left.** The Laughing Head variety. 116.3 grains. R-3. **VF-20.** Dark mahogany. Wedge-shaped rim break at 5:00 on the obverse. Overall sharpness just a shade less clear than on the preceding example of this variety.

OK, BUT EDGE DEFECT.

TAYLOR

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

LOT # 2398 6.2-M. 129.0 grains. Rarity-3. F-15, quite porous, but all legends and punctuation clear. (~~Total: 7 pieces~~)

1 OF 7 PIECES

TAYLOR

OK VF/XF SMOOTH DARK REDDISH BROWN
WORTH XF PRICE

MAGNIFICENT 1787 MILLER 6.2-M

Lot No. 34

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988

34 **1787 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 6.2-M. The second laughing head variety. A superb specimen. Glossy dark brown with wonderfully clear surfaces. **Extremely Fine.** $880 –

SEE "MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN" "C & GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1945 #133

BOWERS "NORWEB" MARCH 25, 1988

$220 –

TO – DAVID MENCHELL

NORWEB

2505 **1787 Connecticut. M 6.2-M. The "Simple Head."** VF-30. Rarity-3. 126.5 grains. 27.5mm. 195°. Dark brown and black. Three large obverse planchet pits, others shallower. Sharpness of EF-40 in places. Reverse mostly clear and smooth. Obverse rim clip at 3:00.
Purchased circa 1913-1915. $220 –

6.2-M

COIN GALLERIES SALE' AUG 20, 1986

1347 35.20 1787 M.6.2-M (R-4). Very Good, light to medium brown toning, some small dents on reverse.

BOWERS "GARRETT" SALE OCT 1, 1980

1787 Connecticut Miller 6.2-M

SEE BREEN (771) PLATE

PLATE (771)

SEE LINETT D'SALE #2 AUG, 1985

(See Color Photo) GARRETT

1354 **1787 Connecticut. Miller 6.2-M.** 116.6 grains. Rarity-3. The *Smiling Head* variety. Plentiful enough in lower grades, but very rare in the superb condition offered here: **Choice AU with some claims to full Uncirculated.** Just a few tiny pinscratches on the neck and what is commonly called "cabinet friction" remove this coin from the so-called "gem" class. However, it is still probably the finest known and is a nice match for the preceding lot, the only two varieties known with this obverse punctuation and with reverse M. Medium brown with some hints of fading mint red, particularly in the letter spaces. A few scattered planchet irregularities on the reverse do not measurably detract from the piece. OPENING SOLD $2,500 —

Obtained by John Work Garrett from the Col. James W. Ellsworth Collection.

BOWER'S 'FAIRFIELD COLL" OCT 6-8, 1977

130 1787 Connecticut. *Simple Head* variety. Nice Very Fine.

BOWER'S 'RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972

1787 Laughing head — or, as called by Miller, the "Simple head" or "Outlined head." 6.2-M (R-3). This obverse, and also obverse 6.1, is outlined by a raised ridge, particularly at the neck and throat of the portrait. Extremely Fine R.C.R. #14 APRIL, 1972 . . 139.00

RARE COIN REVIEW #7 SEPT, 1970

1787 Laughing head. 6.2-M. (R-3). VG $19.00; F-VF R.C.R. #7 9/70. 43.00

1787 "Simple head" variety. 6.2-M. Sharp brown Uncirculated. Exceedingly rare in such excellent condition! 495.00

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #20 MAY, 1974

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

OK VF/XF RIM IRREGULARITY

CHIP IN FIELD

250-
850-

Lot No. 1069

OECHSNER

1069 **1787 Miller 6.2-M.** Mailed bust left. The second "Laughing Head" variety. 104.4 grains. **Extremely Fine,** mottled deep brown and dull red with some highlighting on the devices. A planchet chip behind the neck shows deep red and gold. Some rim irregularity on the reverse. Glossy surfaces.

$935-

BOWERS "BUCHENBACH-SMITH NOV 10-12, 1986

200-
200

BOWERS "BUCHENBACH-SMITH NOV 10-12, 1986

2720 1787 Connecticut copper. M 6.2-M, "Simple Head" variety. VF-20 a light golden brown specimen on a smooth planchet. A representative specimen of this variety. 220 —

PINE TREE "GENA '76 SALE" OCT 1, 1976

9 **1787.** M. 6.2-M (high R-4, possibly R-5). **Obv. VF, Rev. Fine.** 40- 41.50

Uniform brown and steel patina, flan faintly cracked at 6:00 o'clock on Obv. border and no other planchet flaws; old Rev. pin scratches blending with the natural colors. Refer to 1975 E.A.C. lots 74 (E.F. $200) and 337

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1987)

771 1787 Second "Laughing Head."

M. 6.2-M. Same punches. 101–118 grs. = 6.55–7.65 gms.

SEE GARRETT LOT #1354

Ex J. W. Garrett: 1354. Courtesy Bowers & Ruddy Galleries, Inc.

BOWER'S 'PRINCETON-INGLE' SEPT 8-9, 1986

732 1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 6.2-M. Very Good to Fine. An attractive specimen, despite the few planchet flaws visible, of the "Simple head," variety. Second period opposite the center of I, and distant from wreath. This is dark chocolate brown in color.

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COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF COLL' JULY 22, 1992

2634 29.50 **1787 M 6.2-M.** MBL. Second "Laughing Head" variety. R-3. 109.9 gns. Overall Very Good, obverse sharper. Golden brown. Granular surfaces. Obverse and reverse flawed at right. Reverse scratched in center. Obverse die broken from rim to star on mail; upper center of reverse failing. OVERALL ABT GOOD

COIN GALLERIES SALE' NOV 15, 1979

1144 1787 Connecticut, M.6.2 M, (R-4). The "Simple Head" variety, a variant of the "Laughing Head" type. Some light scratches through the obverse figure's hair. Very Fine.

6.2-M

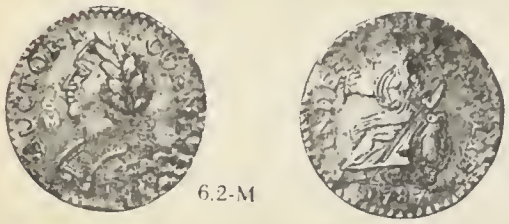
COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLL) 1989

6.2-M	1787	EF+/E	R4+	Nice overall
6.2-M	1787	VF/F	R4+	Pitts on reverse.
6.2-M	1787	F-	R4+	Pitts on obverse as struck.
6.2-M	1787	VF-/VF-	R4+	Double struck.
6.2-M	1787	"Dog"		Crimped rim burr obvers

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

24) 1787 M.6.2-M Extremely Fine details. Planchet lamination defects at 4-5 o'clock on obverse obliterating "C" in CONNEC and reverse figures head, otherwise pleasing smooth brown. *

25) 1787 M.6.2-M White ink attribution on obverse. Dark olive green patina. (No Provenance)



6.2-M

L. MERKIN SALE / OCT 31, 1973

154 — 1787 Miller 6.2–M. Rarity 3 SIMPLE HEAD. EF or better. Only slight weakness at EC. Light pitting behind head, but overall a very lovely light brown coin, with smooth surfaces.

170-

BOWER'S 'LANDMARK COLL' MARCH 30, 1989

5104 1787 Connecticut copper. M 6.2-M. Laughing Head variety. VF-35. 116.3 grains. Dark brown and mahogany. Overall, rather pleasing, despite the edge chip on the obverse visible at 5:00. Struck from fairly finely detailed dies. Usually seen die break on the obverse, from the rim through the ornament on the effigy's chest, extending to just below its neck. A nice coin for inclusion in a type collection. DARK, SMOOTH V CLIP.

$248-

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.6.2-M
VERY FINE

NEW NETHERLAND'S 56TH SALE JUNE 27, 1962

28 1787. Cent. Mailed bust l., the renowned Laughing Head. M. 6²-M. Fine to Very Fine where struck up, weak in centers and at r. obverse and reverse as usual. The rarer of the two varieties for this type.

The peculiar letter and numeral punches—including the misshapen N and very wide U—prove that this and the other variety with reverse M were made by Walter Mould of the Morristown, N.J. mint, as these same punches reappear on most of the 1787-88 Jersey coppers from this mint (Maris 6-C, 6-D, 59-61, 64-67). This obverse can be told from the other Laughing Head by the period after "I" being centered and a die break from rim to breastplate.

32.50

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

566 1787 Mailed Bust Left. *Simple Head* variety. 6.2-M (R-3). Very Fine.

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N. PULLEN LIST, 1978

1787 Laughing head M.6.2-m VF(40) $ 85.

MILLER PLATE

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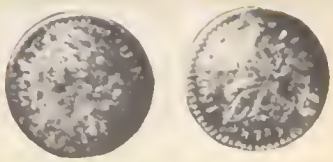
HENRY C. MILLER, MAY 26-29, 1920

1872 1787. Very similar types. C. 6-(2). M. Almost Unc. Unc. Rare. Plate. 5.00

2106 1787. C. 6--(2)--M. VG; also 6--M (2 var) ~~Laughing head~~, and simple head. Curious. G. & VG. 4 pcs. 15

N. PULLEN LIST #2, 1976

1787 LAUGHING HEAD (p.29) Cn. VF, nice light brown, very sharp obv. & rev., beautiful surfaces.
M6.2 M, High Rarity 4. (Photo #3)
$325.



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McCAULEY & GRELLMAN "SCHOENTAG SALE" JAN 6, 1986

24. 1787 CONNECTICUT M 6.2-M R3 VF20, 117.9 grains. The "Laughing Head" variety. Nice glossy reddish chocolate with light brown highpoints. Choice except for a couple very minor planchet fissures near the rim.

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

DR. HALL

HESSBERG

825.00

Lot No. 1374 GOOD COLOR SOME MINOR HANDLING MARKS

1374 1787 Miller 6.2-M. 131 grains. Second "Laughing Head" variety, struck on a broad 29mm planchet with small notch as made at 5 o'clock. Very full sawtooth borders, wide rims beyond them. Handsome light glossy gold-tan and remarkably mark-free for maximum visual appeal. Extremely Fine.

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection.

BOWER'S "CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE" NOV 14, 1990

DING

440.00

NICE COLOR PITTING

5673 1787 M 6.2-M. Ranty-3. VF-35. 133.3 grains. Breen's "Second Laughing Head" variety. Deep golden brown on both sides. Planchet surface very rough and pitted, but sharply struck. Nice color. States equivalent to Taylor:2406.

A-MARK LIST #1 DEC, 1972

1787 M6.2M, R3, the simple head variety. A nice Extremely Fine at (PHOTO) $139.00

McCAULEY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

190-
260-
286.00

NORWEB EX #2505

133. M16 1787 CONNECTICUT M.6.2-M MBL (R-3) EF40 126.7 gns. The second "Laughing Head" variety and one which some people, the current cataloger included, believe should go up a notch on the rarity rating ladder. This is the Norweb coin, lot 2505. In that sale it was quite conservatively graded VF30 with "sharpness of EF40 in places." Deep olive brown with some slightly brighter toning at a few points near the obverse rim. There are 3 or 4 (depending on how you count them) circular impressions at the bottom right of the obverse which clearly are post strike damage, and there is a clip at 3:00. The obverse also has a few scattered patches of micro pitting but otherwise both sides are smooth, the reverse hard. This coin overall appears to be at least as strong as the Oechsner or Hessberg EF's though they easily surpass this in appeal. Reverse rotated 25 degrees. The Norweb lot ticket comes with this coin.

SEE BOWER'S "NORWEB SALE" MARCH 25, 1988 #2505

D. LINETT MAIL BID SALE #2 AUG, 1985

FINEST KNOWN MILLER 6.2-M

SEE BREEN PLATE

SEE GARRETT #1354

232. As above. Miller 6.2-M. (High R-4). Very Choice About Uncirculated. The "Second Laughing Head" variety. Wood-grained medium brown with a hint of Mint red on the obverse and bluish-gold undertones on the reverse. Well struck and centered. A few faint pinscratches are present on the neck of the obverse bust. Exceedingly close to full Mint State and removed from that level only by the merest trace of friction on the cheek. Again, easily the finest known and an ideal companion to the last coin. $3200

**Ex Garrett III: 1354, Ellsworth*

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1979

1787 Mailed Bust Left, M. 6.2-M, (R-4), the 'Simple Head', the sister to the 'Laughing Head' above, Very Fine details, well-centered, but some uniform light porosity, nice color....40.00.

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1979

1787 Mailed Bust Left, M. 6.2-M, another 'Simple Head', strong Very Fine obverse, especially bold portrait, Fine reverse with two light scratches, well-centered, dark brown color with nice surfaces and no other defects.....75.~~00~~.

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1979

1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.6.2-M, (R-4). The "Simple Head" type. A final Mould Connecticut, very similar to the previous variety. Very Fine, but there are several long, thin scratches through the obverse figure's hair, and these are now blending in with the dark brown surfaces. The reverse is free of such problems.....45.00

6.2-M

COIN GALLERIES 'PERKINS DUP'S' APRIL 14, 1993

1976. **Starter set of 1787 Mailed Bust Right varieties,** with some duplicates. Grades range from About Good to Fine, with most being Very Good to Fine. Usual planchet qualities for these grades. Most varying shades of brown. ~~**M.2-B.** Rarity 3; **M.4-I.** Rarity 1. Full "Horn" break; **another.** No "Horn" break; **M.6.1-M.** "Laughing Head". Rarity 1;~~ **M.6.2-M.** "Second Laughing Head". ~~Rarity 3; **M.9-R.** "1787/8 Overdate". **Rarity 6; another; a third; M.11.2-K.** Rarity 3; **another; M.13-D.** Rarity 4; **another; M.14-H.** Pheons at Date. Rarity 4; **M.15-P.** CONNECT. Rarity 4. The last of the 1787 MBR varieties until Miller 52~~ 14 pieces.

275.00

~~The first, ex H. Mehrick Sale (November 4, 1983, part of lot 26); the fifth, ex our February 12, 1986 Sale, lot 1292~~

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #4 SPRING, 1991

46. 1787. Miller 6.2-M, Breen 771. Rarity-3. The second "Laughing Head" variety. 129.1 grains. Fine or so, generally well struck, with full legends and date. There are a few light scratches on either side, and the piece appears to have been cleaned and artificially toned. Still, much nicer than our strict description makes it sound, and a variety that is often difficult to find in any grade. $89

This variety is often called the "Simple Head" variety, though it is really no more "simple" looking than the previous variety.

NICKNAMED CONNECTICUTS ED BARNSLEY

January 1973 THE COLONIAL NEWSLETTER Sequential page 389

(8) LAUGHING HEAD, Miller
Obverse 6.1 of 1787

(9) SIMPLE HEAD, Miller
Obverse 6.2 of 1787

BARNSLEY SPECIMEN

These two Obverse 6's of 1787, either hubbed from the same device punch or hand cut, illustrate the futility of using nicknames instead of numismatic designation. One die is termed Laughing Head, and its near-twin bears the appellation Simple Head, even though neither face is actually depicted in a more "Laughing" or "Simple Looking" pose than the other one is. So which is which, and why? Miller said that 6.1, the commoner die, was the Laughing Head, while 6.2, the rarer die, was the Simple Head or Outlined Head. However, the outline of the profile of the face, from bottom of neck to top of forehead, is very much stronger in 6.1 than it is in 6.2. Therefore, it is the present writer's contention that Outline Head would be better applied to the first die, if such nicknames must be continued in the literature. In 1859 Dickeson described his die No. 8 as follows: "The head small and round, facing to the left, and the hair a series of continuous small lines. The fillet terminates in a bow, in the center of which there is a circular ring. This type is quite thin, the lightest, we believe, coined in this year. It is known as the laughing effigy piece." Crosby was the first to recognize that there were two varieties of this die. He said in 1875: "The more common of these dies is known as the laughing head; it is a small head with nine broad leaves, very sharply outlined. The head upon the other die has a very simple expression. The first of these [Obv. 6.1] is not very rare, but the last [Obv. 6.2] we have seen but two impressions."

6.2-M

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER SERIAL NO. 74 SEPT, 1986
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Figure 15: 1787 Simple Head, Miller 6.2-M, the fourth and last of the Morristown Connecticut coppers by Walter Mould. Illustrated specimen weighs 124.2 grains.

M.R.R.C.A. EAC '91 "MIDNIGHT SALE" APRIL 28, 1991

Lot 8: 1787 Connecticut, Miller 6.2-M. Fine, but very weak at upper parts of AUCT and NEC. Reverse Very Good, weakly struck, smooth. Traces of verdigris, devices highlighted.

35/75, Mituzas

STACK'S SALE DEC 1-2, 1993

*822 1787 **M.6.2-M.** MBL. The second Laughing Head variety. Rarity 3. **Extremely Fine.** 81.8 gns. Even olive brown. Obverse a little granular at left but central details well struck up and sharp; reverse quite rough but design type and legend visible. Small clip top of obverse.

200 / 325 / 397

822

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

136 1787 ~~M.4-L. A fourth. R-1. Strong Fine/Fine. 141.2 gns.; heavy for the issue. Obverse "horn" just a cusp;~~ **M.6.2-M. MBL.** R-3. Another "Laughing Head" variety. Fine/Very Good, obverse flawed on EC. 95.9 gns.; ~~**M.8-O.** Another. Near Fine, granular, old reverse scratches. 139.2 gns.~~ 3 pieces.

110 / 120 / 132

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

139 **1787 Connecticut coppers,** all MBL, all with Miller numbers in a coarse hand on the obverse. **M.6.2-M.** Another. Very Good/Fine, huge cutter clip. 94.9 gns.; ~~**M.8-N.** R-4. Very Good to Fine, off center. 142.9 gns.; **M.14-H.** R-4. Rough About Fine, some heavy edge burrs or old dents. 121.3 gns.; **M.15-F.** R-4. CONNECT. Rough Fine. 99.4 gns; **M.19-g.4.** R-3. About Fine, off center. 133.9 gns.~~ 5 pieces.

150 / 180 / 198

BOWERS "GREENWALD & JACKSON SALE" SEPT 11-13, 1995

3110 1787 ~~M.6.1-M. Mailed Bust Left. VG to Fine, some light porosity. Rarity-1. 114.5 grains. One of the popular Laughing Head varieties~~ (Miller 6.2-M, a Rarity-3 variety, is the other). **Double struck,** most noticeable at the obverse top and reverse bottom. Brown. A few faint, old scratches noted. 1 OF 2 PIECES

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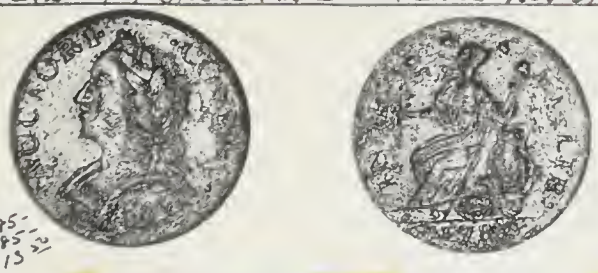
McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

207 308 1787 CONNECTICUT M.6.2-M MBL (R-3) VF30 111.4 gns. The second, and far scarcer, "Laughing Head" variety. Well centered and struck with a minimum of flaws and striations. Once cleaned, now the surfaces show rose and violet hues mellowing into light brown. Some porosity near the left legends of both sides.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997



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166. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.6.2-M MBL (R-4) VF35 122.1 gns. The second "Laughing Head" variety. Sharp detail on this traditionally underrated variety, which is many times scarcer than the commonly encountered M.6.1-M. Though traditionally assigned a R-3 rating most experts believe it should be at least R-4 if not higher. This coin has a largely sea green patina which is quite glossy; rather like the enameled look sometimes found on long buried ancients. That patina is lightly scuffed in areas, mostly near the rims. When viewing this coin you will be struck by three things, possibly but not necessarily in this order: the unusual toning, the detail, and the overall gloss.

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #7 MAY, 1982

8. 1787 Connecticut, Miller 6.2-M Laughing Head, R-4, Very Good, slightly granular surfaces, the scarcer of the two Laughing Heads. Reverse weaker than obverse as usually seen. $40

1787 M.6.2-M EXTREMELY FINE (40) ??
DAVID MENCHELL COLLECTION

6.2-M

6.2-M

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) SPRING 1996 FIXED PRICE LIST #11

THE VERY RARE MILLER 6.2-M
The "Simple Head" or "Second Laughing Head" Variety

131 1787 Connecticut. Miller 6.2-M, the second "Laughing Head" variety. Rarity-5 [possibly a full R-6]. 108.1 grains. Choice Very Fine, possibly a full Extremely Fine in terms of wear received. Boldly struck, with sharp legends, a complete date and extremely crisp design details on either side. The surfaces are lightly and evenly rough, as almost always found on the type, though there is no trace of post-striking damage or defect. An extremely difficult issue to locate in any condition, and one that seems to not come up at auction with any sort of frequency. Indeed, the variety was noticeably missing from such collections as Kessler-Spangenberger, Picker, Steinberg, Perkins, Robison, Roper, and the Stack's sales of January, 1992 and September, 1993. The finest known is the Garrett coin, a nice AU with very light defects, followed by the Dr. Hall-Hessberg coin which graded EF but had a large planchet notch at K-5 [and which realized $825 to another colonial dealer] and, in terms of technical grade, the very rough EF in Stack's December, 1993 sale. VF's were present in Taylor, the EAC '75 sale, Schenkel [pitted, but still bringing $440] and Norweb, the latter with extremely heavy pits and which reappeared in the recent C4 convention sale. This one is almost certainly at the tail end of the Condition Census for the variety and is actually more appealing than at least one of the EF's in front of it! A chance for the Connecticut copper specialist to obtain a fantastic coin that will never have to be upgraded.....$429

From the Mrs. Lillian S. Willins collection, pedigree unrecorded.

Long considered an R-3 coin, this variety was upgraded to a full R-5 several years ago. The R-1 variety Miller 6.1-M [the first "Laughing Head" obverse] appears at auction at least 50 times more frequently than does the 6.2-M, and we have less than a dozen auction records for the latter in the last quarter century, suggesting that R-6 may be a more appropriate rating.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

The Very Rare Miller 6.2-M
The "Second Laughing Head" or "Simple Head" Variety

110 1787 Connecticut. Miller 6.2-M, the "Simple Head" or "Second Laughing Head." Low Rarity-6. 114.1 grains. Fine, some details a bit stronger, but mostly of the grade level here assigned. Full legends and date, a few letters a bit faint, but everything easily readable. Dark brown surfaces, slightly and evenly rough, though free of any sort of post-striking damage or defect. An extremely rare issue, probably scarcer than our rarity rating suggests. The variety was noticeably missing from such famed collections as Kessler-Spangenberger, Picker, Steinberg, Perkins, Robison, Roper and most Stack's sales of the Ryder-Boyd-Ford holdings. The finest known specimen is the AU Garrett coin, followed by the EF Dr. Hall-Hessberg piece, a rough EF in Stack's December, 1993 sale and VF's on our last price list [from the Willins collection], Taylor, the EAC '75 sale, Norweb and Schenkel [the later pitted, but still bringing $400]. Here is an opportunity for the specialist to pick up an extremely difficult variety at a very advantageous price.....$159

Long considered an R-3 variety, this was upgraded to a full R-5 several years ago. The Miller 6.1-M, offered above, is an R-1 coin, and appears at auction or for sale at least 5-10 times more frequently than the Miller 6.2-M, and it is possible that this will end up a full R-6.

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PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

GROUP I

HAND CUT DIES

The Very Rare 1787

"Hercules Head"

Finest to be Auctioned in 50 Years

ROPER EAC '75 BREEN PLATE

83 **1787.** M. 7. R–6. **Hercules Head.** The only instance of reuse of a 1786 mailed bust die in 1787. **Many details fully Very Fine, others Fine;** pleasing medium steel with some very light granularity as made, consistent with amost VF grade, **exceptionally clean and free of nicks, scratches or dents.** Small edge planchet defect left of first C in CONNEC, not affecting any letters, ornament or device. **The finest 1787 Hercules Head to be auctioned in over fifty years.** Considerably outclasses the Crosby Plate coin reillustrated in Taxay; still finer than lot 155. Merkin sale, at a then reasonable $400; a hair's breath finer than the piece pictured by Vlack. Doubtless high in the Condition Census for this variety. None in the Bowers lists or any other major offerings; probably quite high in the R–6 level, nearer to R–7 than to R–5. **(Photo)** $650 — **($400.–600.)**

$650

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1987)

V. COMPANY FOR COINING COPPERS.

New Haven

Jan.–June 1, 1787

Blank Shields

I. Mailed Bust L.

BREEN PLATE

793 1787 "Hercules." Very rare.

M. 7-I; Crosby, Pl. V, 13. Obv. of 754–56. Roper:240, 129.6 grs. = 8.398 gms., VF, $1,100.

83

Lot No. 240 ROBERT MARTIN

ROBERT MARTIN STACK'S 'ROPER SALE' DEC 7-8, 1983

240 **1787 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 7-I. 129.6 grains. The popular and rare "Hercules Head" variety of this date, many times rarer than the 1786. There is a small edge defect before the first C in CONNEC, which is visible on both sides, but this does not detract from the overall quality of the piece, which is the best we've seen from these dies. The weakness in the centers is due to the depth of the dies. No detracting marks, and a glossy medium olive-brown color. **Very Fine.** $1,100 — R. MARTIN

EX EAC '75 SALE LOT #83 AS F/VF+ AT $650.00 TO R. MARTIN

L. MERKIN SALE OCT 31, 1973

155

MERKIN '73 TAYLOR COIN WORLD

155 1787 Miller 7-I. HERCULES HEAD. Nice VF. Though only listed as Rarity 4 in Miller, experience has shown that it is considerably rarer (see Red Book listing). The same obverse die as 5.3 of 1786. Well centered and sharply struck, with full date. Struck on a smooth, glossy, flawless planchet. One of the nicest 1787 Hercules Heads that we've seen (PDX). A very appealing mahogany brown **BLUST.**

400

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

2408 **1787 Connecticut. M 7-I. Mailed Bust Left.** The Hercules Head variety. 124.8 grains. 240. **High R-6. F-15.** Probable Condition Census rivalling the Pine Tree E.A.C. specimen and nicer than the Stack's Roper example, graded Very Fine. Smooth and glossy, dark golden brown surfaces; free from striations, nicks, or signs of handling. Typically soft on the obverse, a reused 1786 die (M 5.3). Reverse center across Liberty's waist always weakly struck. Die break between D and E in the reverse legend always present. This reverse is known in combination with this obverse only, and from its buckled and broken condition, probably failed soon after its employment. Miller attribution number painted on the obverse. M 7-I rarely appears at auction.

From Lester Merkin's Sale of October 1973, Lot 155.

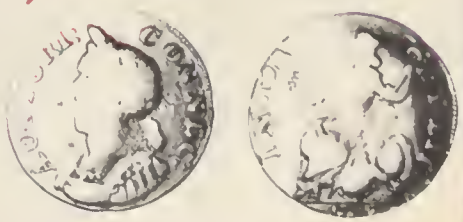
$770

NICE F/VF (15-18)

TAYLOR

1787 M 7-I

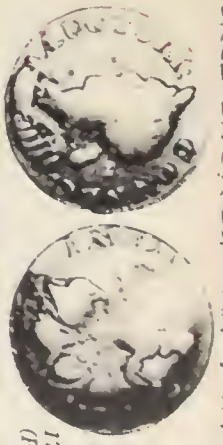
Hercules Head



TO R. MARTIN

COIN WORLD ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE, 1990

C.231. **1787 Copper:** Hercules Head. Company for Coining Coppers. M 7-I, Roper VF, $1,100



1787 copper, "Hercules Head" (Photo courtesy Bowers & Merena)

MERKIN '73 TAYLOR '87

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BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

Second M 7-I

OK, BIT BETTER THAN PLATE

$209 —

TAYLOR

2409 1787 Connecticut. M 7-I. Mailed Bust Left. The Hercules Head variety. 127.3 grains. 240°. **High R-6.** VG-8. Porous and pitted planchet. Although not as sharp as the preceding specimen, apparently from the same state of the obverse and reverse dies. This is the only example of a 1787 Mailed Bust Left combination utilizing an older 1786 obverse die.

It is a measure of the importance and breadth of this collection that there are two specimens of the very scarce Hercules Head variety included. The present example plainly was upgraded by Taylor but, respecting its rarity, was retained in the collection.

VLACK PLATE (1965)

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TAXAY PLATE (1976)

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CROSBY PLATE (1875)

CROSBY C182 PLATE

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TAXAY PLATE

1787 MILLER 7-I - THE CROSBY PLATE COIN

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

CROSBY PLATE

NICE VF

TO → R. MARTIN

150-
2700-

(Enlarged)

Lot No. 1070

OECHSNER

(Enlarged)

1070 1787 Miller 7-I. Mailed bust left. The "Hercules Head" variety. **(High R-6).** 151.1 grains. **Very Fine,** minor marks and some planchet roughness at the softly struck centers. There is a thin old vertical scratch on the upper reverse near the face (the scratch was there when Crosby's photograph of it was made). Deep brown with generally glossy surfaces, the reverse die buckling, and signs of die clashing around both rims. Better facial detail and far nicer surfaces than the EAC/Roper coin; much finer than the specimen in Lester Merkin's sale of October 31, 1973, lot 155 (most recently seen as lot 2408 in the Frederick B. Taylor sale), or Taylor lot 2409, or even the Vlack plate coin. **Quite possibly the finest known specimen.** Pictured (both sides) on Plate V of Crosby's 1875 *Early Coins of America*, and quite possibly the piece sold as lot 1002 in the sale of the Crosby Collection. *(SEE COLOR PLATE)*

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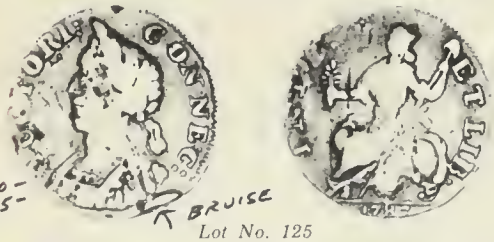
STACK'S "ROBISON SALE" FEB 10, 1982



ROBISON '82

OR

210-
525-

BRUISE

Lot No. 125

125 1787 Mailed Bust Left. M.7-I. The "Hercules Head" variety, and **much rarer** than the 1786 version. Well struck with all important features clear. Small rim dent at 5 o'clock. Medium brown. **A strong Fine.**

$525-

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #4 MARCH, 1970

1787 Hercules Head Connecticut cent. Of importance as *the only Connecticut cent listed but not priced in the Guidebook.* Very Fine. Slightly off center - a not unusual situation for a Connecticut copper 495.00

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #12 SEPT, 1971

1787 Hercules Head variety, 7-I (R-5). Rare and popular variety. Fine 195.00

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HERCULES HEAD - 1787

NASCA "KESSLER-SPANGENBERGER" APRIL 28,29, 1981

2217 1787. Hercules Head. M.7. (High R-6.) VG. (Photo)

190 — *Soft strike at left, probably due to rotation of reverse die so that date and shield are opposite that point. Date worn off, light brown color with minor scratches, die ID certain, a rare variety*

BOWER'S M.H.S. SALE NOV 18, 1994

A Second 1787 M 7-I

Ex Kessler-Spangenberger Sale

1,320.00 JIM GOUDGE

3206 **1787 M 7-I. Mailed Bust Left. VG-8 or slightly finer. High Rarity-6. 140.1 grains.** Die alignment: 270°. Incredibly enough, a second example of a rare die combination that seldom appears at public auction. Mostly hard, glossy brown surfaces display some minor patches of porosity and some faint reverse flan flaws. Diagnostic curved die flaw on reverse between D and E in INDE. A genuinely pleasing specimen of this rarity, but more importantly, a second opportunity for the advanced Connecticut copper specialist.

From NASCA's Kessler-Spangenberger Sale, April 1981, Lot 2217

Many of the Connecticut copper collections formed during the past century or more have lacked examples of 1787 M 7-I. Among exceptions to this statement are our sale of the Taylor Collection, March 1987 (two specimens); Stack's sale of the Oechsner Collection, September 1988; Stack's sale of the Roper Collection, December 1983, and the Pine Tree/EAC sale, February 1975. The appearance of two specimens of 1787 M 7-I herein underscores the fact that, although small, the present offering is of major importance.

BARNSLEY COLLECTION, 1989
COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION

7-I	1787 VG/G	R6.
7-I	1787 VF+	R6/

SLIGHT RED COATING BOTH SIDES

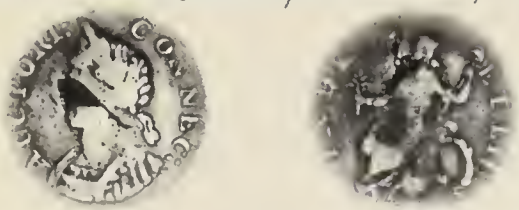
CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
7-I 9474 (10) VERY GOOD (10)

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

26) 1787 M.7-I Very Fine (30-35). Fairly well struck and centered with full date on flan. Striation (lamination) defect from ribbon end to "C" in CONNEC and a tiny defect at "E" on obverse. Smooth medium brown.

SEE COLOR PHOTO

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976?



47 1787 — Hercules Head M #7-I (R-6) An incredible FINE-15 example of this major rarity. Deep planchet lamination on the obverse and a smaller one on the reverse. Edge clip at 11 o'clock. Missing from many important collections.

70.00

R. HUGHES LIST, JULY 23, 1980

M-7-I (R-6) Hercules Head. Very Fine porous with moderately large laminations, missing metal on both sides (as made) 250.00

BOWER'S 'MASS. HIST. SOC.' NOV 18, 1994

1787 M 7-I

Hercules Head

TO JIM GOUDGE

3205 **1787 M 7-I. Mailed Bust Left. VF-20. High Rarity-6. 121.5 grains.** A popular rarity that utilizes the resurrected 1786 obverse die M 5.3 thus creating the rare and desirable Hercules Head variety of 1787. Probable Condition Census for the variety, despite a noticeable flan flaw on the obverse and a second, smaller flan flaw on the reverse. Overall sharpness finer than Taylor:2408, that called "Probable Condition Census"; nearly the equivalent of Pine Tree/EAC:83; Roper:240; Oechsner:1070; the equivalent of these as far as technical sharpness, although the obverse and reverse flaws (see photo above) detract a little from the overall aesthetic appeal. Tiny edge clip at 11:00 relative to the obverse. Mostly hard brown surfaces, though some faint porosity is noted. Typical die break between D and F in INDE on reverse, a noted diagnostic. Rare and desirable in all states of preservation.

1760

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-28, 1920

1873 1787. C. 7-I. Hercules head. G. to VG. R. 4. .60

1787 7-I "HERCULES HEAD"
VERY GOOD DETAILS. MEDIUM BROWN. HEAVY RIM BRUISES AT 9' O'CLOCK. SCATTERED DENTS & MARKS ON SURFACES. CURVED CLIP AT 4:30 - 5:30. M. RINGO FEB, 1991 TO D. PALMER.

SEE PHOTO

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ROBERT MARTIN COLLECTION TO DAVID MENCHELL 6-1-88

1787 M.7-I "Hercules Head" Very Good. Old thin scratch on obverse neck, not disturbing color. Smooth chocolate brown; devices partly highlighted. 116.7 GR.

SEE ENLARGED PHOTO

ROBERT MARTIN COLLECTION TO D. MITUZAS (1987) TO D. MENCHELL (1987)

1787 M.7-I "Hercules Head" Fine Overall. Well struck; bottom two-thirds of date off flan. Dark brown, devices and legends partly highlighted. WHT. 140.2 GR.

ROBERT MARTIN COLLECTION

FINE/VERY FINE (15.) WELL CENTERED. SMOOTH CHOCOLATE BROWN PLANCHET VIA M. RINGO 5/10/86

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
1787 M.7-I #9474 HALL-SHUMWAY, 1919.
(VG10) VERY FINE20. SOME STRIAE.

SEE COLOR PHOTO
ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.7-I
EXTREMELY FINE+
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION

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M. Cole Weld.

NICKNAMED CONNECTICUTS' EDWARD BARNSLEY

(10) HERCULES HEAD, Miller Obverse 5.3 of 1786 or Obverse 7 of 1787

In 1859 Dickeson, describing this die, said: "the workmanship differs from any of the whole series, [i.e., other Obverse 5's of 1786] the die being deeper, and hence the muscular development of feature surpasses any other issue. To distinguish it, I have called it the type Hercules." Crosby was the first to recognize that the die was used biennially. He called it: "Hercules - a deeply cut head with scowling face; the same die is found in 1787." On Plate V he illustrated this die interlocked with both Reverse G of 1786 and Reverse I of 1787. Hall continued to use the Hercules Head nickname. Miller described the die simply as "Hercules Head. Scowling face, neck thick, chin rectangular."

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1983

375-
850-

Lot No. 2121

2121 935 **1787 M.7-I. MBL. "Hercules Head". Strong Fine. High Rarity 6.** 90.6 grains. Olive green. Uniformly granular, verdigris corrosion over most of both sides. Centers soft, typical for this **very scarce** variety. Obverse a re-used die of 1786 (5.3); reverse earlier than Taylor:2408, no failure yet in right field. Exceptionally low weight for the variety, 34 grains lighter than any other seen!

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COLONIAL NEWSLETTER ISSUE #22 APRIL, 1968 P. 208

BIENNIAL PAIRINGS OF CONNECTICUT OBVERSES E. BARNSLEY

Obverse 5.3 of 1786

also known as

Obverse 7 of 1787

This die is the popular 1786 "Hercules Head" obverse which was so named in 1859 by Dickenson (Page 259), but he did not report that it was also paired with a 1787 reverse. However, Crosby (Pages 215 & 216) recognized its biennial usage, and his observations were repeated by Hall (Page 7), and finally by Miller (Pages 15 & 20). The latter succinctly described the effigy as having a "scowling face, thick neck, chin rectangular". We surmise that this die was combined first with reverse I of 1787, and afterwards it was paired successively with reverses B.2, G, and N of 1786. We base this on the progressively wearing away of fine detail, such as the disappearing of gravure scratches extending into the field from the top area of the head. This is a suggested striking sequence based upon studying worn examples of the respective coins. The true order can only be determined by careful examination of uncirculated specimens.

1787 M.7-I WHT.127.7 GRAINS. VERY FINE. GOOD COLOR
EDGE DEFECT. NICKS IN FIELDS.
KEN MOTE COLLECTION APRIL, 1995.

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1787 M.7-I VERY GOOD DETAILS. HEAVY RIM BRUISES AT 9 O'CLOCK.
SCATTERED DENTS AND MARKS ON SURFACES. CURVED CLIP.
DAVE PALMER COLLECTION VIA MIKE RINGO FEB,1991.

1787 M.7-I VERY FINE. SOME STRIATIONS. 118.7 GR
ANTHONY TERRANOVA COLLECTION
EX HERBERT OECHSNER PRIVATELY

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.7-I
EXTREMELY FINE+ FINEST
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION
7-I; Hall/Brand; ink on edge; 153.3 gr

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AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN 1985

ANS Collection
Connecticut Coppers

26) 1787 M.7-I Very Fine (30-35). Fairly well struck and centered with full date on flan. Striation (lamination) defect from ribbon end to "C" in CONNEC and

Dick August Collection Nov 4, 1999
1787 7-I Very Fine (20). Lightly rough surfaces.
Defects central reverse figure. Bottom half of date off flan.

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1787 M.7-I VERY GOOD. SMOOTH CHOCOLATE BROWN. WHT 116.7 GRAINS.
DAVID MENCHELL COLLECTION VIA ROBERT MARTIN JUNE 1.1988

1787 M.7-I FINE OVERALL. DARK BROWN DEVICES PARTLY HIGHLIGHTED.
WHT 140.2 GRAINS
DAVID MENCHELL COLLECTION VIA ROBERT MARTIN 1987.

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1787 7-I ANS ASCENSION 2005 (BARNSLEY)

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PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

84* **Tallest Head.** M. 8-N. R-4 High. Large letters, punctuated by colons and diamond-shaped clusters of four pellets (same punch as used to make the colon dots). Rev. punctuated by blunt stars, no colons. **Obv. nearly VF, rev. nearly Fine,** weakly struck as always; lacquered long ago. Obv. considerably finer than that pictured by Miller; no equal specimen offered in years, the Appleton-Mass. Historical Society coin being only VG. **Apparently in the Condition Census;** possibly R-5. **(Photo) ($75.-100.)** $100 —

$100

*Bids accepted by mail only.

EAC '75

84

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

121 00 DENT TAYLOR

2410 **1787 Connecticut. M 8-N. Mailed Bust Left.** 157.1 grains. R-4. F-15. Dark brown and olive obverse, uniform deep golden brown reverse. Some pitting on both surfaces, reverse edge dent. Obverse sharper than the overall grade, reverse equivalent to it. All in all, equal to, if not slightly finer (obverse particularly), than the Pine Tree E.A.C. specimen, there called Condition Census.
From Richard Picker, 1972.

PINE TREE 'BROWN UNIV.' MAY 21, 1976

517 **1787. M. 8-N** (high R-4). **Obv. details VF in sharpness, rev. not quite that level.**
$40 —
Dark gray-green patina and somewhat granular. Date readable and almost all on flan. Compare lot 84, F/VF, in 1975 E. A. C. sale at $100

STACK'S "D. FLEISCHER COLL" SEPT 7, 8, 1979

533 1787 Mailed Bust Left. M.8-N (R-4). The "**Tallest Head**" variety. Weakly struck at the obverse figure's head and corresponding part of the reverse such that the date is unreadable. Even wear on a light brown planchet. Fine.
$75 —

SEE STACK'S SALE "PERKINS" JAN 14, 1998 LOT #242 (PLATE)

STACK'S "ROBISON SALE" FEB 10, 1982

126 1787 Mailed Bust Left. M.8-N. The "Tallest Head" variety. From our September 7, 8, 1979 sale, lot 533, described as, "Weakly struck at the obverse figure's head and corresponding part of the reverse such that the date is unreadable. Even wear on a light brown planchet. **Fine.**" NO DATE AT $75
$65

488 SPINK & SON "CARNEGIE MUSEUM" MARCH 24, 1983

42 Connecticut 1787 Copper, mailed bust left (Miller 8-N). Very good $88 —

BOWER'S "RARE COIN REVIEW" 40 SEPT, 1981

1785 Connecticut cent Miller 8-N The 'TALL Head' type. A high grade specimen, on a glossy flan that rates an Extremely Fine. Listed as a R-5. It should be noted that of the over 300 different Connecticuts, this obverse 8 die is certainly the largest and tallest 895.00

BREN ENCYCLOPEDIA P. 72 (1986)

794 1787 Largest head; blunt rev. stars. M. 8-N, 8-O. Hand-engraved obv.

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 27, 1992

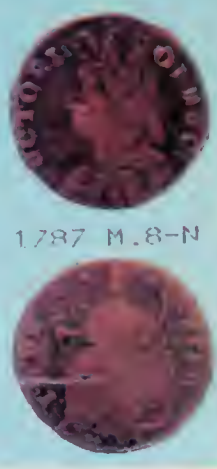
265 $291 00

330 **1787 Connecticut copper. M 8-N. Mailed Bust Left. F-15. Rarity-4.** 149.0 grains. Struck slightly off center on both sides, with ORI CO affected on the obverse, and ET LIB affected on the reverse. Rich honey brown surfaces, perhaps faintly porous, with pale golden design details offset in a pleasing cameo effect. Visually finer than Taylor:2410, thus finer than the Pine Tree/EAC 1975 specimen, which was called Condition Census for the variety. A pleasing specimen for the Connecticut copper enthusiast.

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

1375 1787 Miller 8-N (R-4). 152 grains. Mailed bust left, AUCTORI:. Three dots left of top laurel leaf, 4 more right of it. Reverse rotated 180 degrees. Light brown, a tiny few reverse laminations. Very Fine. F/VF
242 00 DR. HALL D. MITUZAS HESSBERG
Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection

HALL - HESSBERG



1787 M.8-N

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

2635 **1787 M 8-N.** MBL. Large Bust variety. "R-4." 154.4 gns. Sharpness of Very Fine in places, appearance elsewhere of Fine. Golden brown. Both surfaces uniformly granular. Obverse and reverse rims nicked, heavily on latter. Central devices very softly struck up, the dies axially misaligned. Perfect states of both dies. A variety whose rarity appears to be underrated: in a database of over 3,600 Connecticut coppers seven M 7-I (High R-6) specimens are recorded but only six M 8-N examples. VG OVERALL
93 —

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BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #14, APR, 1972
1787 Mailed bust left. 8-N (R-3). Dies misaligned 90 degrees on all specimens seen. Fair $7.00; Very Fine R.C.R.#14. APR, 1972. 52.50

RARE COIN REVIEW #7 SEPT, 1970
1787 Mailed bust left. 8-N. (R-3). Fine R.C.R.#7. 9/70. 25.00

BOWER'S 'RIVER OAKS & KRUG-JOHANN NOV 11-13, 1976
LOT# 1035 1787 Mailed bust left. Miller 8-N. Very Good. 1 OF 6 PIECES

BOWER'S 'ARNOLD & ROMISA' SEPT 17-19, 1984
630 Trio of Connecticut coppers: 1787 Miller 8-N. Mailed Bust left. Very Fine. Some lightness at the top of the obverse and corresponding part of the reverse as struck. Pleasing brown surfaces. A high grade for the issue; 1 OF 3 PIECES
154

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION), 1989
8-N 1787 VG/G R4 Weak strike left side. Worn.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985
27) 1787 M.8-N Fine (12-15). Relatively smooth chocolate brwon with devices highlighted in tan. Slightly off center resulting in tops of "AUCTO" being off flan. Dies rotated 90 degrees.

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COL) JULY 23, 1976
48 1787 Mailed Bust Left M #8-N (R-5) "Tall Head". VERY FINE-30, struck slightly off center. Minor surface marks but very pleasing surfaces. Condition census.
400

BOWER'S 'P.O. WILLIAMS' SEPT 23-29, 1979
1294 ~~Five~~ 1787 Connecticuts: (1) 8-N. R-4. VF-20. dark; ~~(2) 8-O. R-4. AG-3; (3) 11.2-K. R-3. Good-4; (4) 15-F. R-4. VG-8; (5) 16.5-m. VG-8.~~ (Total: 5 pieces)

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976
567 1787 Mailed Bust Left. 8-N (R-3). Reverse rotated 90 degrees. Abt. Fine.
20-

DANA LINETT LIST, JUNE, 1982
8-N, R-5, "Tall Head", Extremely Fine or better, 5% off-center. Rare grade.. 695.

SEE STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995 LOT# 50
BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988
M 8-N. F-12. Rarity-4.
LOT# 2501 153.5 grains. 28.2mm. 180°. Golden brown. Iridescent color from long storage in a manila envelope. Rough. Nicer than Taylor: 2410. The inventory book recording the specimen reads: "From Mougey Apr. '93"; 1 OF 10 PIECES NORWEB

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #3, 1990
38. **1787. Miller 8-N, Breen 794. Rarity-4. Largest Head/Blunt reverse stars. 150.6 grains, 28.5mm. Very Fine, weak at the obverse face and hair, as well as the lower reverse;** this uneven strike is typical for the variety and represents dies that were aligned slightly out of parallel. One small obverse lamination at the face. Full legends [though a few letters are slightly weak], **the date gone from the uneven strike.** The details in the mail and the upper reverse are quite strong, and sharper than any example this cataloguer has seen; the surfaces are a lovely light brown, and quite glossy. **Easily a Condition Census example;** with the exception of the facial area, much nicer than the Taylor coin, and without the nasty rim bump present on that piece. A piece sure to be appreciated by the specialist.....$189

A distinct type coin, this is the only obverse in the entire Connecticut series that was completely hand engraved.

SEE "McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "CH GRIFFER" OCT 21, 1995 LOT# 134 (PLATE)
BOWER'S 'ANA' SALE' AUG 10, 1989
1029 1787 Connecticut copper. M 8-N. 136.3 grains. VF-35. Deep golden tan. Date off flan. States as Taylor:2410. TO THE BOOK DAVE MEUCHELL
660
When used to coin this variety, reverse N was in an earlier state than the Taylor example of 40-N, but was roughly equivalent to the reverse state of the Taylor 29 2-N

MILLER' PLATE

OBV.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994
139 **1787 Connecticut coppers,** all MBL, all with Miller numbers in a coarse hand on the obverse. ~~M.6.2-M. Another. Very Good/Fine, huge cutter clip. 94.9 gns.~~; **M.8-N.** R-4. Very Good to Fine, off center. 142.9 gns.; ~~**M.14-H.** R-4. Rough. About Fine, some heavy edge burrs or old dents. 121.3 gns.; **M.15-F.** R-4. CONNECT. Rough. Fine. 99.4 gns; **M.19-g.4.** R-3. About Fine, off center. 133.9 gns.~~ 5 pieces.
180 180 198

HENRY C. MILLER SALE' MAY 26-29, 1920
1874 1787. C. 8-N. Rarity 5. Obv. Head l. AUCTORI: CONNEC: Rx. Lib. to l. INDE:.:. ET LIB. VG.

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995
50 1787 M.8-N. MBL. R-6 (revised). Appearance of Fine, technically Very Fine. 153.5 gns. Golden brown, with some reverse iridescence. Both surfaces uniformly rough and granular; obverse flawed below I, reverse flawed through DE. Light pin scratches through date. Perfect die states. We have now seen 11 of these.
Ex Norweb Collection, Part II (Bowers & Merena, March 24, 1988, part of lot 2501); noted in the Norweb Family inventory ledger as earlier "From Mougey Apr. '93." EX NORWEB #2501
150 150 150 165

PAUL KAGIN LIST, APR, 1984
1787 M B I M 8 N Good 10.00

LOT# 42 STACK'S / MASS. HIST. SOC. SALE, MAR 29, 1973 1787 Miller 8-N
Rarity 3 Very Good. 2 pieces. 1 OF 2 PIECES

R. HUGHES LIST, OCT. 1980
M-8-N (R-5) Tall Head, Very Fine, several light laminations 185.00

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STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

1787 MILLER 8-N

Probable Condition Census

200-
275-
302

VERY DARK BLACK

Lot No. 973
TO J. ROCK

973 **1787 M.8-N. MBL.** Rarity 4 (traditional). Technical Very Fine. 150.7 gns. Black. Both surfaces granular in fields. Soft on left obverse periphery. Slightly off center top obverse, bottom reverse, date numerals partially off flan. **Underrated rarity,** Miller 8-N is a scarce variety and probably deserves a Low Rarity 6 rating. **Probable Condition Census,** this specimen is nicer than the Taylor, ANS, Norweb, Picker, and Pine Tree/EAC'75 coins.

COIN GALLERIES MAIL BID SALE FEB 10, 1993

2082 1787 M.8-N. Very Good, dark brown, granular. Rarity 4; ~~M.14-H. Rough Fine, Green and gray-brown. Rarity 4; M.17-g.3. Very Fine, reverse "X" cancelled, verdigris spots. Low Rarity 4.~~ 3 pieces.

97.5

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL # 9 SUMMER 1994

AN EXCEPTIONALLY BOLD MILLER 8-N CONDITION CENSUS!

VERY DARK BLACK

125 1787 Connecticut, Miller 8-N, the tallest obverse head of the year. Low Rarity-6. 150.7 grains. Choice Very Fine, many areas more deserving of a full EF grade, especially the bold obverse design which stands out in almost medallic relief—this being the exception to the rule for the variety which is always found with areas of extreme weakness from the striking process. Dark surfaces with some light roughness at the UCT of AUCTORI. Amazingly enough, free of any planchet laminations or other flaws which seem to plague the obverse-8 varieties. Struck slightly off center, affecting just the tops of a few letters and the very bottom of the date; the legends are complete and bold. An exceedingly difficult variety to locate in any grade [traditionally ranked a Rarity-4, Michael Hodder has suggested in the September, 1993 Stack's sale that Low R-6 is more accurate, a change that we completely agree with as it is many, many, many times rarer than the 8-O which is ranked a R-3]. A CONDITION CENSUS example of the variety, much nicer than anything else that has been offered in recent years—including such notable CT offerings as Robison, Taylor, Norweb, Picker reference collection, the 1975 EAC sale, the Miller sale, the Appleton-MHS offering and the Dr. Hall-Hessberg example. Also quite a bit nicer than either the ANS or CNL reference collection coins. By far the finest specimen of the variety that we've ever been able to offer, as well as the finest ever offered for sale on a colonial fixed price list. EX STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993 LOT # 973 AT $302 ..... $459

Obverse 8 is part of a distinct group of dies that were handcut, though the ornamentation was punched into the dies, the colon dots and four-pellet ornaments being made from the same punch.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) SPRING 1996 FIXED PRICE LIST # 11

132 1787 Connecticut. Miller 8-N, the tallest head of the year. Rarity-6. 119.2 grains. Fine/Very Good, weakly struck at the lefthand portion of either side, as usually found on the variety. While only some of the legends on the left can be made out, those on the right are bold and complete; most of the date is weak. The design detail is sharp, with most of the mailing on the obverse effigy's bust crisp. Medium brown surfaces, the obverse hard, the reverse with some light roughness in the weak area. The variety is always found with a weak and/or erratic strike, and usually on dark and rough planchet stock, so finding an example with any sort of eye appeal is automatically difficult. This one is far nicer than average for the grade, and is visually more appealing than many examples we've seen graded VF. A pleasing example of a legitimately rare variety [Michael Hodder noted that he had seen more of the rare Miller 7-I, the 1787 Hercules Head variety, than of Miller 8-N!], priced right at just..... $119

Obverse 8 is part of a distinct group of dies that had the design details handcut, not produced with a prepared punch or hub, thus giving them a unique look. The letters in the legends were produced with punches, and the colon dots and four-pellet ornaments found in the legends were actually made from the same single-dot punch.

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1977

1787 M.8-N, (R-4), Tallest Head, Good, a few planchet defects...15.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1979

1787 MBL, M.8-N, (R-3), "Tallest Head", Very Good, weak on the head as usual, dark brown, a few trivial planchet defects.....25.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1979

1787 Mailed Bust Left, M. 8-N, (R-4), the 'Tallest Head', Fine, a bit weak on the head as usual for the dies, dark brown with lighter highlights, smooth glossy surfaces with a few trivial planchet defects, only obverse die with this style head.....35.00.

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ROSA AMERICANA (J. ROCK) FPL #70 SPRING, 1995

A SUPERLATIVE EXAMPLE OF THE VERY RARE MILLER 8-N

122 1787 Connecticut, Miller 8-N, the tallest obverse head of the year. Rarity-6 [revised from a Low R-6 by Michael Hodder]. 148.3 grains. Extremely Fine, or just a hair's breadth away from that grade level. Just the faintest hint of striking weakness at the absolute centers, though even that isn't all that unusual as the dies were so deeply cut that there just wasn't enough metal on the planchet to flow into the deepest parts on both sides. The legends and ornamentation are all bold and sharp, as is the detail on the obverse effigy's bust. The date is completley off the planchet, due to centering, again a fate that is common to the variety. Although the condition is certainly remarkable, what makes this a coin of note are the beautiful light brown surfaces that are very hard and free of all but the most trivial of circulation marks and a few insignificant striations hidden in Liberty's dress on the reverse. When this variety is found at all, it is invariably on a dark and rough planchet [our last price list had one that was sharper on the obverse but on a dark and slightly rough flan]. This one is certainly high in the CONDITION CENSUS for the variety, and is much, much nicer than anything else that has been offered in recent years—including such stellar offerings as Robison, Taylor, Norweb, the '75 EAC sale, the Miller sale, the Appleton-MHS holdings, the Picker reference collection and even the Dr. Hall-Hessberg coin. This one is also nicer than the ANS or CNL reference collection coins, as well as the one in the Connecticut State Library. By far the nicest overall example of the variety that we've ever been able to offer, and the best looking example of this unique type that we've ever seen.....$699

Obverse 8 is part of a distinct group of dies that had the design details handcut, not produced with a prepared punch or a hub. The letters in the legend were produced with punches and the colon dots and four-pellet ornaments found in the legends were actually made from the same punch.

In his cataloguing of the Stack's June, 1994 sale, Michael Hodder writes "we have seen fewer M.8-N's than M.7-I's. If the latter is rated R-6+, then the former is underrated at R-4."

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

*50 1787 M.8-N. MBL. R-6 (revised). **Very Fine,** quite soft top obverse and base reverse, some small obverse digs, reverse rim dented. Hairline slide marks obverse. 148.0 gns. Orange-tan in color. In terms of technical grade possibly a Condition Census coin, certainly better than most seen. Reverse off center, no date. Perfect die states. OK + COLOR T. RINALDO

100/ 200/ 220/

We have seen fewer M.8-N's than M.7-I's. If the latter is rated R-6+, then the former is underrated at R-4.

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McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

385 480 528

134. M17 1787 CONNECTICUT M.8-N MBL (R-6) VF35 136.5 gns. Another variety for which the rarity ratings have been revised upwards (see Michael Hodder's notes for lot 50 of Stack's 6/94 Sale). This is a lovely example, honey brown with problem free hard glossy surfaces. Stronger than the 6/94 coin which was called "in terms of technical grade possibly a Condition Census coin", and better centered with all legends crisp and full but only the top of the date visible (the date is frequently lost on this variety). Like the 6/94 coin this too is softly struck at the top obverse and base reverse. The tallest head in the series. No reverse rotation. This coin was lot 1029 from Bowers and Merena's 8/89 Sale, ticket included. BOWERS "ANA SALE" AUG 10, 1989 LOT #1029 AT $600

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

167. 121 1787 CONNECTICUT M.8-N MBL (R-6) F12 144.6 gns. A variety cataloged by Breen as made from hand cut dies (rather than those employing a hub to replicate basic design features). Light golden olive brown with a fairly smooth look beyond some patches of porosity, primarily at the reverse rim, and a few small flaws. The one below the R on the obverse, however, is fairly deep. There are also two short scratches in the left obverse field and evidence of tooling around the final 7 in the date. On the whole a fairly pleasing example of a major type (The Largest Head) and rarity, for which VF would likely constitute a condition census grade.

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ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST # 13 SUMMER 1998

A CHOICE EXAMPLE OF THE VERY RARE MILLER 8-N

Struck From Handcut Dies

RARITY 5 35 SPECIMENS IN DATABASE

175. 1787 Connecticut. Miller 8-N, the tallest head of the year Rarity-6 [probably high in that level]. 137.3 grains. Choice Very Fine for technical grade, but with the extremely erratic strike often found on this rare variety. The legends are mostly full, the tops of ORI and CO off the planchet, as centered. As is usually found on the variety, this is weak at the obverse effigy's face and the lower part of the seated figure on the reverse and date The rest of the design detail is strong, with sharp armor and the unique ornament after CONNEC: as sharp as we have seen Very attractive light brown surfaces, generally hard and completely free of any sort of post-striking damage or defect, and completely free of the striations and laminations that tend to plague this variety. One of the nicest ones we've seen in recent years, and possibly at the tail end of the Condition Census for the variety. The only distinctly nicer one to come up recently are the piece in the 1995 C4 sale and the Perkins piece, earlier from the Robison sale, which was marginally sharper but had some large striations; that piece realized $605 in spirited bidding. This one is more visually attractive than the examples in Taylor, Norweb, Picker, EAC '75 and Hessberg [the latter a Dr. Hall coin], and is quite close indeed to the one we offered on our Tenth price list in 1995. A pleasing example of this rare variety, and one that will be difficult to upgrade at any price. We're pleased to be able to offer it at just.....$399

Obverse 8 is part of a distinct group of dies that had the design details entirely handcut, not produced with a punch or hub, the letters in the legend were produced with punches. The colon dots and four-pellet ornaments were actually produced by the same punch.

In his cataloguing of Stack's June, 1994 sale, Michael Hodder noted that he had "seen fewer M.8-N's than M.7-1's [the rare 1787 Hercules Head variety]. If the latter is rated R-6+, then the former is underrated at R-4." The rating was there raised to R-6, though we suspect that it may end up high in that level, since Hodder also noted in the recent Perkins sale that he had only seen 12 examples of the variety in all grades combined. 35 SPECIMENS IN MY DATABASE (1998)

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL # 14 SUMMER 1999

THE RARE MILLER 8-N

Struck From Handcut Dies

144. 1787 Connecticut Copper. Miller 8-N, the tallest head of the year. Rarity-6 [probably high in that level]. 132.7 grains. Very Good to Fine; probably fully of the latter grade level, but somewhat weakly struck at the centers, as is typical for the variety. The legends are full on either side, the first C of CONNEC weaker than the rest, but everything else quite sharp. The date is mostly indistinct, as struck. There is some mailing detail visible on the obverse effigy's bust, suggesting the higher grade level, but the face is quite weak, as is the lower part of the seated Liberty figure. Dark brown surfaces, with one insignificant reverse striation, else quite clean and pleasing for the grade. This variety, struck from dies that were cut by hand, is almost always found with a weak and/or erratic strike, and usually on dark and rough planchet stock, so this circulated example actually has more eye appeal than some technical VF coins we've seen offered! A pleasing example of this rare and popular variety.....$159

Obverse 8 is part of a distinct group of dies that had the design details entirely handcut, not produced with a punch or hub, the letters in the legend were produced with punches. The colon dots and four-pellet ornaments were actually produced by the same punch.

In his cataloguing of Stack's June, 1994 sale, Michael Hodder noted that he had "seen fewer M.8-N's than M.7-1's [the rare 1787 Hercules Head variety] If the latter is rated R-6+, then the former is underrated at R-4." The rating was there raised to R-6, though we suspect that it may end up high in that level, since Hodder also noted in the recent Perkins sale that he had only seen 12 examples of the variety in all grades combined.

8-N

STACK'S SALE "PERKINS" JAN 14, 1998

1400 -
5.50 -
6.05 -

Lot No. 242

GOOD COLOR

242 **1787 M.8-N.** MBL. **R-6.** 155.5 gns. Extremely Fine, for technical grade, sharpness in places equivalent, net grade Choice Fine. Nice, even golden brown on both sides. Soft and quite striated at the top of the obverse; very soft below Liberty's waist on the reverse, date entirely indistinct. Technically high Condition Census, better than 11 of the 12 seen so far. The flaws are, in this case, tragic.

Ex Robison Collection Sale (Stack's, February 10, 1982, lot 126); earlier, ex the same firm's sale of September 7, 1979, lot 533.

8-O

FINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

85* **1787.** M. 8-O. R-4, high. Same but colors in rev. legend. **Fine, light olive, weakly struck on face, elsewhere bolder, some obv. details qualifying as Very Fine.** Equally difficult to locate in acceptable condition; far finer than the cleaned example in the Merkin sale, or the "Fine" Appleton – MHS (1970, lot 132) coin. Same comment about rarity as to preceding. **(Photo)**
WHT. 141-8 GRAINS $55 – **($60.–90.)**
*Bids accepted by mail only.

$55

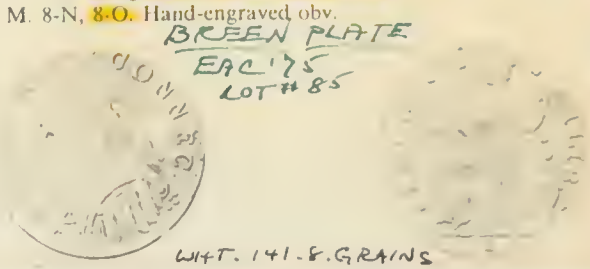
EAC'75
BREEN PLATE #794

85

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1987)

794 1787 Largest head, blunt rev. stars.
M. 8-N, 8-O. Hand-engraved obv.

BREEN PLATE
EAC'75
LOT #85



WHT. 141-8 GRAINS

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

OK ACTUALLY VF UNEVEN STRIKE GOOD COLOR

$247.50

TAYLOR

2411 **1787 Connecticut. M 8-O. Mailed Bust Left.** 153.3 grains. 200°. R-3. F-15, on a light golden brown flan. Obverse and reverse about 10% off center, tops of CON off flan. Not fully struck up; TO illegible as well as partially off flan. Reverse legends full and legible, date half missing. Flaw at top of Liberty's pole. From the die alignment, not the Stack's M.H.S. October 1970 specimen. This variety appears particularly difficult to obtain in well-struck and well-centered conditions.

SAN DIEGO SHOW (D. LINETT) JAN 22, 1988

SEE TAYLOR #2411

$594

411 **1787, CONNECTICUT, M 8-O, Mailed Bust Left, R-3, About Uncirculated.** Exceptionally lustrous original, light brown surfaces. The obverse is sharply struck on about two thirds and weak in the upper left quadrant. There is not even a hint of wear on the surfaces and only some very light cabinet friction on the cheek and reverse bust keep this coin from being fully Uncirculated. About 2% off-center towards the bottom of the obverse and part of the date is slightly off the flan. Some very minor planchet defects at 2:00 on the reverse which are very insignificant. One of the finest known of this variety.....(800-1200)

STACK'S MASS. HIST. SOC. OCT 23, 1970 'MHS'

132 **1787 Miller 8-O.** Mailed bust left. Fine. Rarity 3. The obverse is off-center so that only two of the last group of four dots are on the coin, and the tops of AUCT are off. The two groups of four dots at the wreath and above the head are sharp and clear as are the three fillet ends. It is weakly struck on the left side of the obverse, but the top and right side are exceptionally strong. The reverse is fairly well centered with the date partly off the coin. The dies are ¼ upset. All details, except as mentioned, are clear. A light and dark brown color. $22.50

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

F/VF (15-18) GOOD COLOR LIGHT BROWN

Lot No. 1071

TO — R. MARTIN

OECHSNER

1071 **1787 Miller 8-O.** Mailed bust left. 159.5 grains. **Fine or better, very** weakly struck at the centers, but full legends and full sharp date. Light golden brown toning, and the glossy surfaces are suggestive of a much higher grade.

ONE OF THE FINEST 1787 MILLER 8-O KNOWN

Lot No. 35

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988

WORTH FINE ONLY

35 **1787 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 8-O. An incredible specimen, perfectly struck and centered. The unfinished R clear and sharp. Even light brown. Easily **Very Fine.** $412.50

8-O

STACK'S "N. BRYANT COLL" FEB 2, 1973

29 1787 Connecticut. A DRAMATIC DOUBLE STRIKE. Miller 8-O. A Rarity 3 variety. Mailed Bust left type. Both strikes very sharp on a clean planchet free of flaws. The final group of 4 dots on the obverse, which does not appear on any other Connecticut obverse, shows up twice, and in each case very sharply. Extremely Fine. All details of mail, lettering, punctuation, etc. are very sharp. A few old light unimportant scratches are not noticeable without a glass. The coin is imbedded in plastic for use as a paperweight.

$260

PINE TREE "GENA" TC SALE" OCT 1, 1976

10 1787. M. 8-O (high R-4). High VF or better sharpness and surfaces. 45.00

$45

Unevenly struck with a region of all but obliterated detail in lower central Obv. and opposite area on Rev. Uniform brown patina. A superior specimen of a variety which is extremely difficult to locate in acceptable condition. Refer to 1975 E.A.C. lot 85.

PINE TREE (FUN 17)" JAN 6, 1974

18 1787 M. 8-O High VF or better sharpness and surfaces. Unevenly struck with a region of all but obliterated detail in lower central Obv. and opposite area on Rev. Uniform brown patina. A superior specimen of a variety which is extremely difficult to locate in acceptable condition. Refer to 1975 E.A.C. lot 85.

STACK'S "A.N.A. SALE", AUG 24, 1976

48 1787 Miller 8-O. Mailed bust facing left, with the unusual punctuation of 4 dots ∴ instead of cinquefoils or fleurons, etc. Nice strong obverse but some weakness on reverse. Almost full date. Light brown. VERY FINE. 67.50

NASCA (M. BRYAN COLL) NOV 2, 1977

14 1787. M. 8-O. R-4. G to VG, rev. sharpest.

Planchet clipped (through tops of RI of obv.). Rev. slightly off center so tops of letters ET LIB a little more than half on flan. Clip obliterates most of date

BOWERS RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APR, 1972

1787 Mailed bust left. 8-O (R-3). Good $9.00; Very Good $19.00; Fine $29.00; Very Fine $52.50; ~~VF-EF~~ ~~RCR #14, APR, 1972~~. 79.00

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION), 1989

8-O	1787	F+	R4	Normal die juxtaposition. La
8-O	1787	VF/F	R4	Weak strike on left. 90 degr
8-O	1787	F-	R4	90 degree die juxtaposition.
8-O	1787	VF-/F	R4	90 degree die juxt.
8-O	1787	EF-/EF-	R4	Double struck. 50% off ctr

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8-O 9421 (12) FINE(12)

BOWERS 'BYRON JOHNSON SALE' JAN 26, 1989

27 Pair of Connecticut coppers: ☆ 1787. M 8-O. 156.9 grains. Rarity-4. VF-30/F-12, obverse scratched. States as Taylor:2411 ☆ ~~1788. M 2-D. 115.9 grains. Rarity 1. VF-20, heavy scratches visible. Obverse state later than Taylor:2684, reverse state as Taylor:2684. Struck on an oval flan, as the Taylor coin.~~ (Total: 2 pieces)

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

28) 1787 M.8-O Extremely Fine (45-50). Smooth glossy tan and brown. Reverse slightly off center resulting in bottom tips of date off flan. *

1787 M 8-O

L. MERKIN SALE' OCT 31, 1973

156 — 1787 Miller 8-O, Rarity 3. Fine. Most unusual obverse punctuation, with three groups of four dots in addition to the colons. Full date, with some weakness in the central portion, as are all we've seen. Almost VF in the well struck areas. Dies ½ upset. Cleaned a long time ago, the obverse still bright, but the reverse is toning nicely. When completely toned, this will be an excellent specimen.

42

ROSA AMERICANA FALL 6, 1992

29 1787 Connecticut, Miller 8-O. High Rarity-4 143.2 grains Technical grade better than Fine, though with the usual erratic strike seen on varieties that use 1787 obverse dies 8-14 The tops of DRI and the date are off the planchet; the rest of the legends are complete Somewhat glossy medium brown surfaces, with a few hairline scratches on the reverse A tough variety in any grade, the obverse die was completely handcut, giving it a charming, somewhat crude look, quite different from anything else in the series $99

8-O

NEW NETHERLAND'S MAIL BID SALE AUG 10, 1952

96 1787 Largest head and letters. M. 8-O. Really VF; very sharp where struck up, but unevenly impressed on defective flan, as always. Dark green patina. Much finer than Miller plate coin.
#11-

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

49 1787 Mailed Bust Left M #8-O (R-4) "Tall Head" VERY GOOD-10, light obverse scratches; ~~Mailed Bust Left M #9-D (High R-5) GOOD-6, dark~~. (Lot of 2 pieces).
#25-

BOWER'S TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

568 1787 Mailed Bust Left. 8-O (R-3). Reverse rotated 70 degrees. Very Fine. Some planchet striae.
35-

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 22, 1987

2412 1787 Connecticut coppers: M 8-O. 150.6 grains. R-3. F-15, unnatural bright orange. Old rarity rating inked on the obverse; 8-O. 147.3 grains. R-3. Overall Fine, centers weak. Clipped at top of obverse;

2 OF 5 PIECES TAYLOR

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

M 8-O. VG-8. Rarity-3. 149.7 grains. 28.0mm. 85°.
LOT# 2501 Dark surfaces, reddish brown high points. Obverse die in same, if not earlier, state as when seen with 8-N (see the preceding). Probably N & O reverses were used simultaneously with obverse 8; *earlier ex S.H. & H. Chapman/C.T. Whitman sale (August 10, 1893);*

1 OF 10 PIECES NORWEB

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-28, 1920

1875 1787. Obv. AUCTOPI: . . CONNEC: .:.. Rx. . INDE . . ET LIB: . C. 8-O. Rarity 5 VG. 1.30

2164 1787. C. 8- O. R. 3; ~~also 18-D R. 4~~ G. & VG. 2 pcs. .16

2107 1787. ~~G. 3-G. R. 5, holed~~; also 8--O., last G. ~~& VG.~~ 3 pcs. .16

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

1170 1787 Connecticut copper. M 8-O. Mailed Bust Left. 122.4 grains. Rarity-3. VG-6, or so. Rough, planchet surfaces uniformly granular. Miller number painted in left obverse field in yellow ink. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2411. FAIR VG
49.00

Ex Hays, Elder's sale of the Miller Collection (May 1920) (Lot 1875. *Ticket and Ryder's envelope accompany this lot. Called "Very Good" by Ryder.*

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5674 Quartette of coppers: ☆ 1787 M 8-O. Rarity-3. VG-8. 149.6 grains ☆ *ex B&M/Norweb (March 1988):2501.* 1 OF 4 PIECES AT 302.50 EX. NORWEB

BOWER'S 'RIVE OAK'S' NOV 11-13, 1976

LOT# 1035 (3) 1787 Mailed bust left. Miller 8-O. Very Good. Dies rotated 90 degrees; 1 OF 6 PIECES

PAUL KAGIN LIST, APR, 1984

1787 M B1 M 8-O Very good ($100)

BOWER'S "P.O. WILLIAMS" SEPT 23-27, 1979

1294 Five 1787 Connecticuts: ~~(1) 8-N. R-4. VF-20, dark; (2) 8-O. R-4. AG-3; (3) 11.2-K. R-3. Good-4; (4) 15-F. R-4. VG-8; (5) 16.5-m. VG-8.~~ (Total: 5 pieces)

BOWERS "BYRON JOHNSON" JAN 26, 1989

27 [illegible] VF-30 [illegible] 145.9 grains [illegible] later than [illegible] coat than as the [illegible] 110-

KAGIN'S LIST, SEPT 16, 1981

1787 CONNECTICUT M.8-O Rarity-4 "Hercules Head" Conneo var. Fine-15 ..... 150.00

ROSA AMERICANA LIST # 3, 1990

39. **1787. Miller 8-O, Breen 794. Rarity-3. Largest Head/Blunt reverse stars. 145.7 grains, 29.0mm. Fine or so,** some details fully Very Fine, others weaker as struck. The weakness, again due to an uneven strike, obliterates the lower part of the bust, AUCTO, the date and the 1 of INDE. Hair, armor and upper facial details are quite strong. Much nicer than our strict description makes it sound, this piece is fully comparable to the Taylor piece at $247.50, and has some areas stronger than the Oechsner piece at $264. Almost never seen nicer, and completely unknown in higher grades.....$169

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

1376 1787 Miller 8-O. 156 grains. Mailed bust left, characteristically crude strike on head, but better centering than most examples known. All of date is on the planchet, if close to rim. Light tan. Very Fine. EF/VF 50-50
110.00

MIKE RINGO LIST MARCH, 1989

16. 1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.8-O. Good to Very Good, clean for the grade.. 25.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, FEB, 1985

5. 1787 M.8-O. Good, decent for the grade. A scarce variety..... 15.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, JULY, 1985

2. 1787 M.8-O. Very Good, medium brown, full date..... 25.00

PINE TREE 'E MORTON SALE' OCT 18, 1975

544 1787. Mailed Bust Left M.8-O (R-4). Tallest Head. VG-F with dark, porous surfaces. ~~M.11-J-K. R-4. barely Good, but [illegible] M.13-D (R-4) Machin's Mill Mint. Very Good, weak some pit-like defects. [illegible] and [illegible] respectively in our [illegible] sale~~) 3 pcs. ($90.-120.)
30-

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1224 1787 ~~M.4-L. Mailed bust left. Good. Planchet not completely round due to rim bumps; M.6-L-M. "Laughing head." Nearly Very Good~~; M.8-O. About Good and porous; ~~M.13-F. Good but with numerous pinscratches~~. 4 pieces.
99-

8-O

SPECIMEN #7

8-O of 1787

MOS Type A

First strike -- normal & well centered.

Second strike -- 45% offset.

SEE → BARNSLEY COLLECTION (C.N.F.) GRADE EF-/EF-

As the final specimen in this group of Connecticut MOS specimens we are illustrating a relatively simple and uncomplicated MOS Type A. The only notable feature here is the variety itself - the unusual Obverse 8 of 1787. The obverse photograph illustrates the substantial recutting of the lower portions of the central effigy which resulted in a Mailed Bust Left die. This die was used to produce coinage tightly die-interlocked with thirteen Draped Bust Left varieties. (See CNL, September 1974, page 451 -- Connecticut Coppers, 346 Combinations of 404 Dies; Group 11).

The preliminary conclusion regarding this anamaly of die-interlocking, based on ye Editor's film-print studies of the Connecticut series, is that this Mailed Bust obverse is a recutting of a die sunk from a Draped Bust Left hub! There is no conclusive evidence within the central effigy that supports this conclusion; this evidence appears in the border pattern and requires a recognition of the nature of Abel Buell's hubs of 1787! Buell's hubs for the year 1787 were not simple central effigy puncheons but consisted instead - for both his Fugio and Connecticut designs - of the complete border pattern surrounding the central design. Legend lettering, ornamention and privy-marks were added later on individual dies.

McCawley & Greenman "Schoentag Sale" Jan 6, 1986
25. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.8-O VG8, 131.2 grains. Sharpness at least F12 with dull lightly granular surfaces. Dark chocolate and steel brown. The obverse is struck slightly off center to K12.

Coin Gallerie's Sale Nov 8, 1995
2980 **1787 Miller 8-O.** Fine to Very Fine. 146.9 grains. Tall Mailed Bust Left. Tiny cinquefoils before INDE:, after ETLIB. Full date, well detailed, overall light brown.
$53.00
See Stack's Sale June 14, 1995 Lot #51

8-O

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER SERIAL NO. 74 SEPT, 1986
VOL 26, NO. 3 P. 95
EX. EAC '75 LOT #85 – BREEN PLATE

Figure 10: 1787 Tallest Head, Miller 8-O, a Mailed Bust Left from dies extensively recut by hand by Abel Buell. Illustrated specimen is 141.8 grains.

THE BIZARRE LETTERING OF CONNECTICUT COPPERS

IMPROVISED LETTERS "L" from unclefted "I" | P. 359 | 1787 reverse BB; O

Unclefted "I's" were likewise used as the basis for making two-part "L's". In reverse BB of 1787 the foot is made from a right angle having a horizontal base the same length as its turned up end. In reverse O of 1787 the foot is made from an isosceles triangle in similiar fashion to the rhombus which completes the "L" in reverse KK previously mentioned. (See Illustrations Nos. 7 & 5).

Illustration No. 7
ET LIB from Rev. O of 1787

KINGSWOOD 'DARTMOUTH SALE' FEB 20, 1991

NOT SOLD

6570 1787 Connecticut copper. M 8-O. Rarity-3. 140.2 grains. F-15, a nice light golden brown. Softly struck in the left obverse periphery from 7:00 to 12:00

KINGSWOOD 'DARTMOUTH SALE' FEB 20, 1991

7216 1787 Connecticut copper. M 8-O. F-12, other areas much sharper. 145.7 grains. Unevenly struck, dies axially misaligned. Struck on a slightly oval flan, the reverse with a remarkably "egg-shaped" appearance. Surfaces granular, obverse flawed

25 32

SEE COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 8, 1996 #2960
STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

51 1787 M.8-O. MBL. R-3. Very Fine. 146.9 gns. Light golden brown obverse, darker reverse. Both sides quite granular, centers soft. Reverse perfectly centered, obverse off to upper right, tops of CONNE off flan. Tiny clip above CON. Die states about as Taylor:2411.

76 150 165

Miller 8-O is known with its reverse die oriented through almost the entire compass range, from pure medal turn around through coin turn and back again. FAIR F/VF

SEE ENLARGED PHOTO
ROBERT MARTIN COLLECTION

EXTREMELY FINE. WELL CENTERED SOFT STRIKE AT CENTERS. GLOSSY SMOOTH TAN SURFACES. AMONG FINEST KNOWN.
VIA. MIKE ZINGO 8/14/90

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.8-O
VERY FINE (VF 30)
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION

8-O

COIN GALLERIES: PICKER REF. COLL. JULY 22, 1992

2636 **1787 M 8-O.** MBL. R-3. 150.1 gns. Sharpness of ~~Choice~~ Fine where struck up. Dark brown and reddish brown. Surfaces uniformly granular. Reverse flawed deeply on left arm and breast, rim at 1 o'clock. Much sharper than Taylor:2411, a variety particularly difficult to obtain well struck and centered. Struck from the perfect states of both dies. Reverse aligned at 50 degrees. FINE STRIKE DARK

60.00

Miller 8-O is usually found struck with its reverse aligned at 250 degrees. Some rare examples are known struck with the opposite alignment, 50-85 degrees (Norweb:2501 and the present coin, for example).

SEE BOWER'S R.W. MILLER SALE NOV 20, 1992 # 2359
KINGSWOOD GALLERIES SALE 'FRANCONIA' 5-4-92

6517 Trio of 1787 Connecticut coppers: ☆ ~~M 1-1-A Mailed Bust Right VG-8, rough planchet surfaces Rarity-3 98.8 grains Obverse style with smallest head of all 1787 issues~~ ☆ ~~M 6-1-M Mailed Bust Left VG-8/G-4 Rarity-1 96.9 grains Laughing Head variety A medium tan specimen with some central striking weakness, as often seen for this issue Former owner's attribution number painted in left obverse field~~ ☆ M 8-O Mailed Bust Left. F-12/VG-8 Rarity-3 130.1 grains. Die alignment: 260°. Well centered and reasonably well struck, from an issue that is renowned for its shortcomings in both of these areas. Pale golden design details with deeper brown toning highlights in the field. ~~A low-grade yet quite attractive group of Connecticut coppers~~ (Total: 3 pieces)

110.00

BOWERS LEXINGTON SALE JAN 6, 1994

385.00

84 1787 Connecticut copper. M 8-O. Mailed Bust left. VF-30. Rarity-3. 138.4 grains. Die alignment: 270 degrees. Struck 20% or better off-center on a flawed planchet, a common occurrence for Miller 8-O. Olive-green toning highlights on light tan surfaces. An attractive and interesting specimen.

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' SALE JUNE 5, 1994

51 1787 M.8-O. MBL. R-3. Fine plus but reverse heavily scratched. 157.5 gns. Brown and pale olive. Centers soft, as expected. The **Miller sale coin,** called there an AUCTOPI variety. Obverse broken from base of A to field, below; reverse perfect.

100
100
110

From Thomas Elder's sale of the Henry C. Miller Collection, May 29, 1920, lot 1875, called "Very Good" and apparently not yet scrotched! Ryder's ticket accompanies this lot.

EAN MAIL BID SALE MARCH 16, 1995

83 **1787 CT Copper, Miller 8-O, Mailed Bust Left, Very Fine.** Rarity 3. Dark tan, with olive highlights. Both sides display considerable gloss and the only defects worth noting are some obvious scrapes near the center of the reverse. This piece has great historical attraction due to the accompanying paper tag indicating that this coin once appeared as Lot 1875 in Elder's sale of the Henry C. Miller collection on May 29, 1920. ..... (200-275)

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1979?

1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.8-O, (R-4). A distinct variety with the tallest head of the series. A nice Very Good, with pleasing color and surfaces. Dies misaligned ninety degrees.....25.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1979?

1787 Mailed Bust Left, M. 8-O, (R-4), another 'Tallest Head', Fine, same obverse weakness, lighter brown with just slightest granularity, no other defects, again, scarce as a type coin...~~35.00~~.

DAVID SONDERMAN, SEPT, 1984

121. 1787 Draped Bust Left. M. 8-O. Tall head with large letters. Fine or better, sharp obverse figure. Smooth dark brown with lighter highlights. Dies aligned at ninety degrees. 65.00

8-O

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 3, 1997

325-
450-
495-

168. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.8-O MB1. (R-3) VF20 157.0 gns.
An exceptionally nice example of a variety that seems scarcer than the rarity rating traditionally assigned it. Tan and glossy surfaces with scattered light contact marks but no digs or scratches. The obverse is remarkable for its perfect centering and eveness of strike, this variety is not noted for either. The reverse is more typical, off center right and slightly low, though most of the date remains on the planchet. Overall the reverse appears weaker, with soft central detail fading further at the left. E of INDE almost gone and the branch is faint. Among the nicest to be auctioned. Both the Taylor and EAC '75 coins were faint at the obverse face. The Oechsner coin too was weak at the center obverse. In cataloging the EAC '75 example Breen noted "difficult to find in acceptable condition", a sentiment echoed 17 years later by Michael Hodder in his comments on the Coin Galleries 7/92 Picker Reference coin when he stated "a variety particularly difficult to find well struck and centered."

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #8 SPRING, 1993

1787 Miller 8-O
"Handcut Obverse"
Ex Miller Collection

72 1787 Connecticut, Miller 8-O High Rarity-4 115.5 grains Nearly Very Fine, some areas appearing more like Fine due completely due to the indifferent strike associated with the variety. Full, bold obverse legends, about half of the reverse legends and date visible. Struck from misaligned dies, the obverse is perfectly centered, while the reverse is about 10% off center towards K-2. There is a small planchet crack visible on both sides, but which is not all that detracting. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in the left obverse field in Miller's scrip (this time with a "D" in the right obverse field, one of Miller's code's for "Duplicate") A tough variety to find in any grade—the Condition Census starts with a pair of EF's (in the ANS and CNL collections, the latter double struck), and dips down to include several Very Fines. While the present example won't quite make the tail end of the Census, it is much nicer than most of the other examples that have come on the market—including the EAC '75 coin, Taylor, the piece in Lester Merkin's 10/73 sale, Oechsner, Norweb, Hessberg and even the piece in the Picker reference collection—not that bad of company to be better than! The obverse effigy appears to have been completely handcut, unlike most of the other obverses, which were made from a prepared punch. As a result, this die has a crude sort of charm that makes it quite distinct from anything else in the series. It is also the largest head of the year, quite a contrast with obverse 1.1, offered above $99

This variety is usually found with the reverse rotated 250 degrees in relation to the obverse, while a much smaller subgroup has the reverse rotated 50 degrees (the Norweb piece, for example), the rotation on this coin is 80 degrees, and is the first example that we've seen with such a die orientation.

Part of Lot #2107 of the Miller collection

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) SPRING 1996 FIXED PRICE LIST #11

133 1787 Connecticut. Miller 8-O, the tallest head of the year. Rarity-3. 139.0 grains. Very Good/Fine, with the usual erratic strike. The very tops of CONNEC are off the planchet, else the legends and the date are full and sharp [the latter unusual for the variety and type]. Weak at the absolute centers, though still with enough design detail for a grade of VG+. Medium brown surfaces with lighter devices and legends. The surfaces are hard, with just the most insignificant of striae on either side. Although the surfaces appear defect-free at first glance, careful examination shows a number of ancient toned-down hairlines on either side, apparently from storage in one of the old albums that had sliding glass or plastic panels that could come into contact with the coin when pulled in and out. Still attractive overall, and pleasing for the grade.....$49

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL # 10 SPRING, 1995

123 1787 Connecticut, Miller 8-O, the tallest obverse head of the year. Rarity-3. 140.3 grains. Very Good or so, and completely typical for the variety in that it is somewhat indifferently struck. TORI and DE of INDE are gone, and the obverse effigy's profile is very weak; the remainder of the legends are complete and relatively strong, as is most of the date. Medium brown surfaces, the obverse lightly rough in the weak area and both sides with some light contact marks. Overall a relatively pleasing, lower grade and inexpensive example of this major type.....$39

ROSA AMERICANA LTD. (J. ROCK) FPL # 9 SUMMER, 1994

127 1787 Connecticut, Miller 8-O, the tallest obverse head of the year. Rarity-3. 138.7 grains. Very Good to Fine, definitely of the higher grade in terms of actual wear, but with the usual weak strike found on the variety and type; the weakness confined here to the lower part of the obverse. Full legends and date, unusual for the variety. Pleasing medium brown surfaces, with some light planchet roughness at the area of weakness, as expected, but free of the laminations and other imperfections usually found; small edge nick over B in ETLIB. PAINTED DIE VARIETY on the obverse in white ink that has faded to yellow with age and in the small, neat hand that was long thought to be Miller's own. A very pleasing example of the variety and this major type, with good color and a better strike than normally found and certainly inexpensive at only.....$69

8-O

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES JULY 13, 1992

6871 1787 Connecticut copper M 8-O Mailed Bust Left F-15. sharper in places Rarity-4+. 143.1 grains Medium brown surfaces with a pleasing tan contrast on the high points A few faint scratches are noted on the reverse. Very slightly off center, affecting the tops of TORI CON on the obverse, and ET on the reverse. Date mostly obscured from striking weakness as generally seen for this variety Very difficult to locate in nicer grades.

82.50

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES SALE JULY 13, 1992

6870 1787 Connecticut copper M 8-O. 140 2 grains F-15 A nice golden brown example Softly struck at the left obverse periphery from 7 00 to 12 00. 110-

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #4 SPRING, 1991

47. 1787. Miller 8-O, Breen 794. Rarity-3. Largest Head/ Blunt reverse stars. 143.2 grains. Fine or so, some areas weaker, as struck. This variety is often found with many areas of weakness due to an uneven strike; the present specimen is much better than usually seen, with only the letters TO of AUCTORI slightly weak, but visible. The letters RI and the date are off the planchet due to centering. There are a few ancient, well-hidden scratches on the reverse, though none are all that severe. Attractive, warm chocolate brown, and all-in-all, slightly more appealing than the specimen that appeared on our last price list [Lot 39, at $169]; this one is even more affordable!.....$129

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

132 **1787 Connecticut coppers,** all MBL and with Miller attribution numbers painted in a fine hand on obverse. ~~M.2-B. R-3. Very Good/Good, reverse heavily flawed. 104.3 gns; M.3-G.1. R-6 (underrated, possibly really R-7). Very Good, some areas sharpness of Fine. Olive green, somewhat oval flan, slightly bent. Nicer than several others seen~~; **M.8-O.** R-3. Rough Very Good to Fine, heavy reverse edge dent. 138.7 gns; ~~**M.9-D.** R-5 (underrated, probably really R-6). Very Good/Fine, dark olive. 114.9 gns. Obverse rim flawed.~~ 4 pieces.

190 475 522.50

STACK'S / BOYD-RYDER, JUNE 8, 1994

51 **1787 M.8-O. MBL.** R-3. Fine plus but reverse heavily scratched. 157.5 gns. Brown and pale olive. Centers soft, as expected. The **Miller sale coin,** called there an AUCTOPI variety. Obverse broken from base of A to field, below; reverse perfect.

100 100 110

From Thomas Elder's sale of the Henry C. Miller Collection, May 29, 1920, lot 1875, called "Very Good" and apporently not yet scrotched! Ryder's ticket occompanies this lot.

STEVE HAYDEN FIXED PRICE LIST #2 OCT, 1996

11 Conn 1787 M.B.L. M. 8-O R3 Fine+ 155.4 grains. Attractive reflective mottled brown surfaces. Two tiny obverse rim nicks. Weak upper head detail as is typical for this variety, see Taylor and EAC specimens. Well centered with full lettering and date, not typical. 250.00

MCCAULEY & GRELLMAN 3rd C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

244. GROUP OF FIVE CONNECTICUTS. ~~1785 M.4.3-A.2 MBR (R-3) F12 131.5~~ gns. ~~Deep reddish brown. Well centered. Planchet flaw 12 o'clock obverse. Granular flan. Full date. WITH~~ 1787 M.8-O MBL (R-3) VG6 149.8. Porous: struck off center. No Date.

1787 M.8-O WHT 146.65 GRAINS CHOICE EXTREMELY FINE
ROBERT MARTIN COLLECTION SEE SMALL PHOTO
VIA MIKE RINGO AUG 18, 1990

8-O

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

176. 1787 Connecticut. Miller 8-O, the tallest head of the year. Rarity-3. 144.9 grains. Fine to Very Fine detail, somewhat crudely struck as is typical for the variety. The obverse is the stronger side, with full legends, and sharp hair and armor detail on the bust. The reverse is a bit weaker at the exact centers – almost always found since the deep center obverse design caused metal to flow in that direction – but with full legends and date. Medium to darker brown surfaces, with some light gossamer roughness, again something that seems to be typical for the variety. No post-striking damage or defect makes this specimen a pleasing example of a naked-eye type coin.....$79

8-0

THE COLONIAL NEWSLETTER, MARCH, 1964 P. 29

8-a.1

8-a.1 The writer identified and reported in 1963 this new combination which had been erroneously described two years earlier as having a BB reverse. (CNL, Vol. 5, No. 2, P. 12; Numismatic Journal, No. 2, P. 20). One specimen located: ERB. BARNSLEY

LETTERS

-- from Edward R. Barnsley - NEW 1787 CONNECTICUT VARIETY 8-a.1

The November 1961 issue of "Numismatic Journal" reported the discovery of a 1787 Connecticut copper attributed as 8-BB, and the tables and texts of numerous Miller-Ryders were accordingly corrected to record this new die combination. It now appears that they need re-correction.

The writer recently had the opportunity to acquire this unique piece, and was surprised to find that the reverse die was not BB at all, but rather a^1. Both of these two dies are remarkably similiar to each other, and they could easily be confused at first glance.

There are, nevertheless, minor differences which are readily enough discernable upon close examination. For example, the sash ends in the two designs are quite different in their terminations; and the dexter foot in a^1 is very much larger than in BB. The two legends, however, are practically identical, - the most noticable difference being the positioning of the letter L. In BB the L is parallel to the T and well below it. In a^1 the bottom stroke of L is tilted so much that a projection of it to the left would bisect the down stroke of T.

It should also be noted that the legend of BB, instead of ending with a period as called for by Miller, actually ends with a colon, exactly as a^1 does. The lower dots of the said colons are placed entirely on the sinister mantling of the shield, - hence they are not distinguishable on worn specimens.

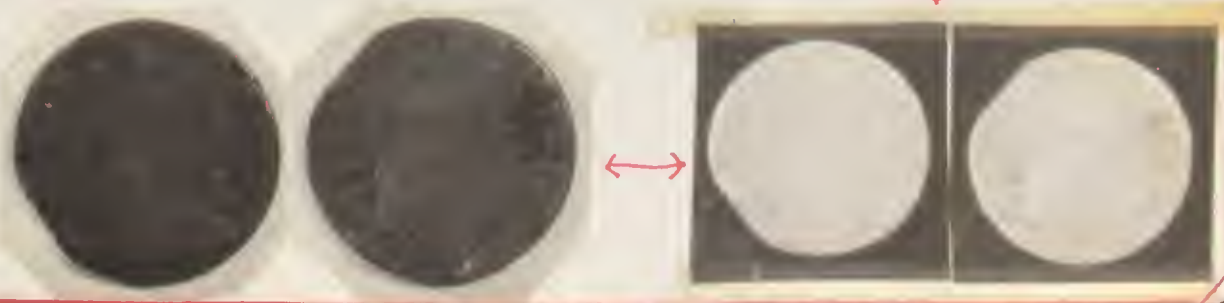
Both reverse dies a^1 and BB are illustrated in the Miller plates, and there is not the slightest doubt that the well preserved piece in question, discovered at the Washington D.C. convention in 1961 and subsequently reported as 8-BB, should have been attributed 8-a^1.

1787 M. 8-a.1 MISS-ATTRIBUTED AS 8-O IN BOWERS "TAYLOR SALE" MARCH 27, 1987 LOT #2412 1 OF 5 PIECES. PURCHASED BY MIKE RINGO AND SOLD TO VERMONT COLLECTOR APRIL, 1987 FOR $700.00

BOWERS, TAYLOR SALE MARCH 27, 1987

2412 1787 Connecticut coppers: M 8-O. ~~150.6 grains. R-3. F-15. unnatural bright orange. Old rarity rating inked on the obverse. 8-O.~~ 147.3 grains. R-3. Overall Fine, centers weak. ~~Clipped at top of obverse.~~ ~~8-O~~ 142.8 grains. R-3. Good F-12. Very soft in the centers, a pale golden brown. Clipped at lower left portion of obverse. ~~11-2-K. 141.5 grains. R-3. Overall, VG-8, with some areas of sharper detail than the grade suggests. Very typically soft in the centers.~~ ~~12-Q. 146.8 grains. R-5. Sharpness of G-4, quite porous, cleaned.~~ (Total: 5 pieces) AT $121.00

TAYLOR



8-a.1

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA (1987)

795 1787 Largest head; rev. crosses. Unique?
M. 8-a.1. 1) Barnsley, *CNL* 3/64.

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MAY, 1991 SERIAL NO. 88 J. ROCK

8-a.1 -- Brought to light in Washington, D.C. in 1961, this coin was first described as being an **8-BB** (*Numismatic Journal*, Volume I, Number 2). After being acquired by Ned Barnsley, it was noted that the reverse, although similar to BB, was actually the a.1 die. The present location of the discovery specimen is unknown, though another specimen was discovered, misattributed, in a bulk lot of the Frederick Taylor sale, and is now in an East Coast collection.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

1787 MILLER 8-a.1

One of Two Confirmed

Possibly Finest Known

SEE TAYLOR #2412 1 OF 5 PIECES

1,200- 4,800- 5,250 ee

OK VG

Lot No. 974

TO DON PARTRICK

974 **1787 M.8-a.1. MBL. Rarity 8.** Very Good, some areas sharper. 142.8 gns. Even golden tan in color. Both surfaces only lightly granular. A few minor flaws both sides. Long, straight planchet cutter clip obverse 7-9:00. Two short nicks upper left obverse field. **Extremely rare:** we know certainly of only two specimens, this and the Barnsley Collection coin, although a third is said to survive. This specimen may be the **Finest Known.** To the best of our knowledge no correctly attributed example of this rarity has ever been sold at public auction. Both dies appear to have clashed sometime in their lives but there is no serious damage on the reverse to account for the rarity of the combination.

From Bowers and Merena's sale of the Frederick B. Taylor Collection, March 28, 1987, part of lot 2412.

This coin was misattributed in the Taylor sale by an inexperienced cataloguer as an M.8-O and placed in a group lot. It was spotted by Mike Ringo during the lot exhibition, purchased by him at the sale, and sold to the present consignor.

9-D

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

86 1787. M. 9-D. R-5 high, almost R-6. Hand-cut obv. with triplet leaves and paired berries, possibly the prototype from which the hub was copied; "goatee" break. Rev. Ms. Liberty holds a giant wheat ear; eight crosslets in legends, a ninth ends ornamental base of shield. **Very Fine**, obv. not well struck up on head, die probably relapped, Medium and light tan, some of it representing faded lustre; mint clip above head affecting 787, tops of TORI off flan. **As fine as we have seen.** Apparently ex Stepney Hoard. **(Photo)** $180 **($250.–up)**

$180

EAC '75

86

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

1787 M 9-D

Condition Census

NICE XF
FINEST?

$660–

CLIP

TAYLOR

2413 **1787 Connecticut. M 9-D. Mailed Bust Left.** 123.7 grains. R-5. Overall AU-50. Outstanding, glossy rich golden brown surfaces. As sharply struck as this variety is ever found, with individual berries and leaves on the obverse wreath outlined, along with some hair detail over the brow. Most of the shoulder cuirass lines detailed. Tops of TORI off flan due to poor centering of the planchet. Reverse also as well struck as ever seen. All letters of the legend sharp and bold. Lower portions of 17 damaged slightly by a minor rim clip. No flaws, striations, or impairing handling marks visible on either surface. Far finer than any other specimen of this combination seen to date, and possibly the finest known of the variety. Recutting in the end of the reverse legend—so sharp as to be visible without a glass.

PINE TREE "BROWN UNIV." MAY 21, 1976

519 **1787. M. 9-D.** Another. **Fine.**

$25 – Obv. shallowly struck and hence much less bold than preceding coin, though rev. more bold and complete than the former lot. Miller attribution penned in white upon obv. device

PINE TREE "BROWN UNIV." MAY 21, 1976

518 **1787. M. 9-D** (high R-5). **Fine.**

$35 – Uneven strike, details becoming quite soft in lower obv. and in opposite region of upper rev. Struck a little off center so that bottoms of date off flan, but it is still decipherable. Light and darker brown patination. See 1975 E. A. C. sale lot 86 at $180

PINE TREE "BREEN '85" SEPT 6, 1985

68 **Benjamin Buell-(April 1789).** Hand Cut Dies.

60–65 1787. M. 9-D. Triple leaves, paired berries, goatee break. Liberty holds a wheat ear; crosslets in legends. Fine to VF, usual weak uneven strike, excellent surfaces suggesting VF-EF, light brown; defective planchet as made, base of armor and date off flan. Not much below 1975 EAC:86. Rare (high R-5), usually found in low grades.

1787 Mailed bust left. 9-D (R-4). Fair $9.00; Good $14.00; Very Fine $65.00; EF or better, but poorly struck on an imperfect planchet. Worth RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APR, 1978 ..... 39.50

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA (1987)

III. BENJAMIN BUELL, April 1789
(Backdated Issues)

Wheat Ear Revs.; Grapevines on Shields
1. Hand-Cut Prototype Obv.

772 1787 Rev. crosslets. Rare.
M. 9-D. Rev. reappears on 789.

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.9-D
VERY FINE (VF 20)
FLAT STRIKE

9-D

COLONIAL NEWSLETER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

9-D	1787	F/VG+	R5	Very worn obverse.
9-D	1787	P	R5	Dark planchet
9-D	1787	VG/F-	[illegible]	[illegible] :00
9-D	1787	G/VG+	[illegible]	Dark, worn [illegible]

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
9-D 702 (2/7) POOR/VERY GOOD

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988
LOT# 1225 M.9-D (R-4). About Good. Struck on a planchet rotated 90 degrees to the left; 1 OF 6 PIECES

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985
29) 1787 M.9-D Fine. Shallowly struck obverse which is slightly off center resulting in tops of "AUCTORI" off flan. Small rim defect at 6 o'clock on reverse affecting 8 in date. Reddish brown color.

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976
49 1787 ~~Mailed Bust Left M #8-0 (R-4) "Tall Head" VERY GOOD-10, light obverse scratches~~; Mailed Bust Left M #9-D (High R-5) GOOD-6, dark. (Lot of 2 pieces). #25-

A-MARK LIST #1 DEC, 1972
1787 M9 D, R4, Very Fine ..... $59.

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976
569 1787 Mailed Bust Left. 9-D (R-4). Fine or so in ostensible appearance; probably AU or better from an *actual wear* viewpoint. Lightly struck and with a multitude of planchet striae. TO JIM GOODGE ?? SEE PHOTO 25-

KAGIN'S LIST, SEPT 16, 1981
1787 CONNECTICUT 9-D Rarity-5 Mailed bust left VG-F 195.0

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991
1377 1787 Miller 9-D (R-5). 114 grains. Mailed bust left, large round head, *INDE * ET** at reverse left, * LIB ** right. White-ink Henry Miller attribution numbers in obverse left field. Weak strike on bust, Liberty far better defined. Good/Fine. AG/VG BRUCE MIZLOFF 38 HESSBERG

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988
LOT# 2501 M 9-D. VF-35. Rarity-5. 111.7 grains. 27.0mm. 200°. Smooth fields. Very rough on effigy. Straight edge clip 12:00 to 1:00 on the obverse, not a planchet cutter clip. N in INDE repunched; CONDITION CENSUS ~ TO DAVE MENCHELL 1 OF 10 PIECES NORWEB

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993
2122 **1787 M.9-D. MBL.** Fine. Rarity 5. 114.1 grains. Gray-brown. Obverse granular, softly struck, reverse much sharper, as usual. Perfect die states; ~~1787 M.11.1-E. MBL. Technical Fine. Rarity-2. 148.2 grains. Pale gray and golden brown. Very granular. Obverse edge flaw at 4 o'clock. Perfect die states; 1787 M.33.39-s.1. DBL. 123.5 grains. Rarity-2. Reddish-brown. Lightly granular. Rim nicks, obverse abrasions. Die states about as Taylor:2603~~. 3 pieces. 140- 140 154-

The first purchased from Robert Vlock in 1984, ex his second collection.

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 29, 1920
1876 1787. C. 9-D. R. 4 Good. .60
1877 Another. Good. 1.00

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990
1171 1787 Connecticut copper. M 9-D. Mailed Bust Left. 116.4 grains. Rarity-5. VG-6/F-12. Dark chocolate brown. Obverse and reverse scratched. Obverse slightly off center towards the top, affecting only the tops of the uppermost letters in the legend. Reverse somewhat glossy and attractively olive. Deep planchet dig below Liberty's right arm. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2413. 275-

Ex Ryder Collection. Henry Chapman stock envelope, with Ryder's comments, accompanies this lot. COLOR FAIR LGT SCRATCHES

SEE ROSAMERICANA FPL#9 SUMMER 1994 LOT#128
STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994
132 1787 Connecticut coppers, all MBL and with Miller attribution numbers painted in a fine hand on obverse. ~~M.2-B. R-3. Very Good/Good, reverse heavily flawed. 104.3 gns; M.3-G.1. R-6 (underrated, possibly really R-7). Very Good, some areas sharpness of Fine. Olive green, somewhat oval flan, slightly bent. Nicer than several others seen; M.8-O. R-3. Rough Very Good to Fine, heavy reverse edge dent. 138.7 gns~~; M.9-D. R-5 (underrated, probably really R-6). Very Good/Fine, dark olive. 114.9 gns. Obverse rim flawed. 4 pieces. 180 475 522

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992
2637 Pair of 1787 Triple Leaves MBL coppers. M 9-D. R-5. 134.5 gns. Poor Fine, dies axially misaligned. Golden brown. Granular; ~~M 11.1-E. R-2. 134.8 gns. Overall Fine. Dark brown and granular. Softly struck. Both from the perfect states of their dies~~. 2 pieces. 49

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL#5 SUMMER, 1991
25. 1787 Miller 9-D, Good/Fine. Typical weak obverse strike, though with nearly full legends. The reverse is much sharper with only LI of LIB weak. Full date [practically unheard of for the variety!]. A very tough [Rarity-5] variety, struck from a completely handcut obverse die [called a prototype die by Breen].....$49

MIKE RINGO LIST JAN, 1991
9.1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.9-D, 119.6 grains. Very Fine, no impairments other than an old cleaning that has toned to a reddish brown color. The obverse die was very shallowly cut, and this example shows more detail than usual. R-5. 175.00

MIKE RINGO LIST JUNE, 1989
9. 1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.9-D. Good/Very Good, porous surfaces. Scarce. 25.00

9-D

BOWER'S "TUROFF SALE" OCT 1, 1976
569 1787 Mailed Bust Left. 9-D (R-4). Fine or so in ostensible appearance, probably VF or better from an *actual wear* viewpoint. Lightly struck and with a multitude of planchet striae. TO JIM GOUDGE?
25.00

1787 M.9-D
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION
EX BOWERS & RUDDY "TUROFF SALE" OCT 1,1976 LOT#569 ?

1787 M.9-D WHT 111.7 GRAINS. VERY FINE. STRAIGHT CLIP
DAVID MENCHELL COLLECTION
EX BOWERS "NORWEB SALE" MARCH 25,1988 LOT#2501

9-D

McCawley & Grellman 3rd C4 Sale Nov 8, 1997

POSSIBLE CONDITION CENSUS LEVEL

1787 CONNECTICUT M.9-D

275-
460-
506-

Also Rosa Americana Ltd Fpl #14 Lot# 145 Summer 1999 at $879—

169. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.9-D MBL (High R-5) VF25 120.3 gns. Dark olive brown, some high points a lighter brown. Surfaces generally smooth with a few small rougher patches. Struck high on the obverse with the tops of a few letters lost as a result. The reverse is struck low, but less so, with only the top of the date showing. There is a roughly horizontal scratch across Liberty's chest, partially disguised despite being fairly deep, by its careful placement on her figure in a manner that almost incorporates it into the design. The obverse on this variety always comes flatly struck, as is the case here with the Bust quite shallow in detail. In fact this coin is a candidate for condition census. The finest known is the Taylor coin, lot #2413, which was graded AU50, and where it was noted "As sharply struck as this variety is ever found, with individual berries and leaves on the obverse wreath outlined..." This coin, though clearly not as strong as Taylor, shows most of the same detail. The other plated example was the 1975 Pine Tree EAC coin lot 86. That coin too is stronger than this, but not by much. It was called "Very Fine, obv. not well struck up on head, die probably relapped. Medium and light tan, some of it representing faded luster As fine as we have seen". Most known examples are in low grades. Other high end pieces that are known of include the Norweb coin, there graded VF35 but unplated and buried in a 10 coin group lot (#2501). Bowers and Ruddy's 10/76 Turoff sale had one called "Fine or so in ostensible appearance, probably AU or better in actual appearance". Though it was unplated Robert Martin describes that coin as Technically EF with numerous light obverse striations. Eric Newman is reported to own a VF 20, with a weak obverse strike. Lacking a sufficient basis for comparison, and given the shallow dies, grading on the current piece is approximate, and it could legitimately be argued 5 or 10 points, higher or lower. Still it is likely to be among the finest 5 or 6 known. *While researching M.9-D with Connecticut specialist Robert Martin we had an interesting realization. In reviewing over 30 examples in his exhaustive data base he could find record of only two plated appearances of this variety. Even Breen, though he gives M.9-D it's own Breen number (#772), lacks a plate of this variety, which seems not to often inspire catalogers.*

Rosa Americana Ltd Fixed Price List #12 Spring 1997

111 1787 Connecticut. Miller 9-D. Rarity-6. 103.2 grains. Good/Fine. The obverse is extremely weak, with only a ghost of the legends visible, obviously due to an extremely worn die. The reverse is sharp, with full elgends, most of the date and decent design detail at the center. Dark brown, slightly rough planchet, though certainly a presentable example of an extremely late die state; a rare variety to boot!.....$59

From the Rob Retz collection of Connecticut coppers.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

124 1787 Connecticut, Miller 9-D. Rarity-6 [revised upward from a R-5 by Michael Hodder in the Stack's March, 1994 sale]. 129.3 grains. Solid Fine, the obverse weaker than the reverse, as is always the case on this variety. Most of AUCTORI is visible, though faint, the rest of the legends are sharp. Due to centering, the date is off the planchet, a typical occurence for the variety. Medium brown surfaces with a few contact marks on either side, though nothing of any major importance. A very difficult variety to locate in any grade whatsoever, and one that is almost unheard of in anything better than VF. This one will certainly make the Connecticut specialist happy at only.....$59

Almost certainly struck later than 1787, this may have been one of the varieties struck shortly before the Copper Panic of 1789, using whatever dies were still servicable. Dies aligned coin turn.

THE BIZARRE LETTERING OF CONNECTICUT COPPERS

May 1972 THE COLONIAL NEWSLETTER Sequential page 360 (367, 359)

DATES MADE FROM LETTERS	359 360	1788 reverse A. 1; A. 2 1787 reverse D

It is interesting to observe also that the "8" in the date on reverse D of 1787 seems to have been made by two strikes of a small letter "o", slightly overlapped like connecting links of a chain. So here is another remarkable example of Necessity being the Mother of Invention.

"L" from clefted "I", base down | 359 | 1787 reverse D

Illustration No. 6
LIB from Rev. D of 1787

In most composite L's" of Connecticut legends, the vertical bar is made by the "I" punch held in correct position so that the heel of the altered "L" will show clefting. In reverse D of 1787 the foot of the "L" is made by two distinct punches: a short line, then a triangle. (See Illustration No. 6). The other two letters of LIB are made from the same clefted "I", both bases down, as in the "D" of INDE and the "E" of ET. However, the vertical bars of the "D" and the "E" are not clefted. This may indicate that two different "I" punches were used to cut this particular die.

Double cutting of "N's" with noticeable offsetting may be seen on other 1787 dies, such as ~~obverses 33.3 and 33.16~~ and reverse "D",

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #9 SUMMER, 1994

128 1787 Connecticut, Miller 9-D. Rarity-6 [revised]. 114.9 grains. Solid Fine, the obverse weaker than the reverse, as always found on the variety and would probably grade VG on its own, while the reverse might net a grade closer to the VF level. Full legends and date, the obverse letters a bit weak as expected, though everything's there, which is not usually the case. Exceptionally clean medium brown planchet—the variety usually comes rough and/or flawed, so the present specimen is certainly better than the average specimen. PAINTED DIE VARIETY on the obverse in white ink that has faded to yellow with age, in the small and neat hand that was thought to be Miller's until very recently. The previous owner noted that this coin was "low Condition Census," and though it probably won't make that claim, it certainly has better eye appeal than many that are technically a grade or two higher. Quite scarce, the rarity rating was revised by Michael Hodder in the March, 1994 Stack's sale. EX STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994 LOT #132 1 OF 4 PIECES.....$79

9-D

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

970 1787 ~~M.4-L. MBL. Another. Rarity 1. Fine. 130.6 gns. Black-brown, granular. Early obverse state, "horn" here just a cusp~~; **1787 M.9-D. MBL.** Rarity 5. Very Good/Fine. 143.8 gns. Olive brown, obverse off center and granular. Die states as Taylor:2413; ~~**1787 M.9-R. MBL.** Rarity 5. Good. 109.3 gns. Olive green, very granular. 1787/8 date illegible. Die states uncertain; **1787 M.11.2-K. MBL.** Strong Fine. 125.3 gns. Olive green and brown. Obverse lightly striated; reverse off center. Obverse break at CT not as advanced as on Taylor:2420; **1787 M.12-Q. MBL.** Rarity 5. About Good. Gray-brown. Deeply flawed and laminated. Reverse scratched. 1787/1887 date barely legible. States as Taylor:2421; **1787 M.15-F. MBL.** CONNECT. Rarity 4. Fine. 88.7 gns. Pale tan. Reverse flawed through date, off center. Just base of second obverse T visible.~~ 6 pieces.

120 180 198.00

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #4 SPRING, 1991

48. 1787. Miller 9-D, Breen 772. Rarity-5. Handcut Prototype Obverse die. 115.4 grains. Good/Fine. A very difficult variety to grade, the obverse almost always comes extremely weak; this one is no exception, though about half of the legends can easily be made out. The reverse is much sharper, with full legends [the date is off the planchet]. A decent example of a tougher variety, called "Rare" in the Breen Encyclopedia.....$79

Assigned by Breen to the mint of Benjamin Buel, son of Abel Buel and struck in April of 1789 [meaning the issue was backdated].

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

134 1787 ~~**Connecticut coppers,** all save the last MBL. **M.4-L.** Another. Sharpness of Choice Extremely Fine, roughened in places, verdigris spots both sides. 120.7 gns. Full obverse "horn" break; **M.5-P. R-6** (underrated, probably really High R-6). IN DE. Basal/Very Good, holed. 101.4 gns. Miller number in a coarse hand on obverse;~~ **M.9-D.** R-5 (underrated, probably really R-6). Very Good/Fine, obverse clip 12:30. 115.7 gns.; ~~**M. 11.2-K.** R-3. Choice Very Fine; flawed, reverse clip and rim dents. 140.3 gns; **M.12-Q.** R-5. "1787/1887", IN DE. Strong Fine, flawed. 110.5 gns.; **M.17-g.3. Draped Bust Left.** Low R-4. Technically strong Fine to Very Fine, quite granular, old obverse scratches. 152.2 gns.~~ 6 pieces.

55 300 330

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #8 SPRING, 1993

73 1787 Connecticut, Miller 9-D. Rarity-5 146.0 grains. Very Good/Fine. A very difficult variety to grade, the obverse almost always comes extremely weak; this one is no exception, though only NNEC is weak on the obverse. The reverse is much better struck, with nearly full legends, though the date is off the planchet due to centering problems; the reverse design details are all quite strong. Clean medium brown planchet, free of any sort of defect—unusual for a variety that often comes on rough planchet stock. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in the left obverse field in Miller's delicate scrip; one of only two examples of the variety included in his collection. A very pleasing example of this legitimately tough variety—this is the first example of this rarity that we've been able to offer in nearly two years! Another piece for the Connecticut specialist.....$119

Breen calls the obverse a handcut prototype die, and assigns the variety to the mint of Benjamin Buell (son of Abel Buell), and suggests that it was struck it in April, 1789, which would make it one of the last Connecticut copper varieties to have been struck—even later than some of the 1788-dated varieties!

Lot #1877 of the Miller collection. ?

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

52 **1787 M.9-D. MBL. R-6** (revised). Very Fine. 119.3 gns. Dark olive-green, verging on black-brown. Slightly off center on the left on both sides, portions of the legends off flan. Off centering on M.9-D is a commonly encountered phenomenon. Both surfaces micro-granular, obverse flawed behind head and rim at 11 o'clock. No signs of serious surface damage; no rim nicks/dents requiring specific mention. Die states as Taylor:2413.

75 300 330

OFF CENTER TOO DARK

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) SPRING 1996 FIXED PRICE LIST #11

134 1787 Connecticut. Miller 9-D. Rarity-6. 127.5 grains. Fine or better, some details more like a VF grade. As usual, the obverse is weaker than the reverse, though the legends are full on either side. The date is off the planchet due to centering [a typical occurrence for the variety]. Weak at Liberty's globe and lower legs, though the upper reverse shows details fully in the VF range, with sharp drapery, face and branch detail. Medium brown surfaces, free of all but the most trivial of circulation marks. A slight railroad rim is visible on the obverse from K-11 to K-3. A difficult variety to locate in any grade whatsoever, and one that is almost unheard of in grades better than VF. One of the nicer ones that we've handled in the last decade.....$79

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

An Inexpensive Triple Error

125 1787 Connecticut, Miller 9-D, another. 149.7 grains. Overall Fine, the reverse slightly stronger. A spectacular "Triple Error" coin, the obverse struck roughly 15% off center towards K-3 [the reverse is perfectly centered], the reverse is rotated nearly ninety degrees and, most impressive to this cataloguer, there is an extremely large rim burr visible on the obverse at K-7, the burr all the more amazing in that it wasn't flattened at all during the minting process. Dark jade brown, with some lightly rough striations, most noticable on the obverse, else clean. This is a coin for the Connecticut fanatic or die-hard error collector [and there are certainly enough of both out there!].....$69

The rim burr was produced during the planchet cutting process, with a cutter that had been chipped or otherwise damaged. The only reason the burr stayed up above the surface of the coin and not bent down and flattened during striking was because the obverse die was misaligned enough that it didn't touch that area. With the crude planchet, horrible alignment and rotation, it is not that difficult to believe that these were struck a few years after the date they claim and possibly by someone not too familiar with a coinage press. For another coin with this same rim burr that was bent over in the striking process, please see the Miller 9-R, two lots below.

9-D

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST # 12 SPRING 1997

112 1787 Connecticut. Miller 9-D, another. 136.8 grains. Good, the central details quite weak, as expected. About a third of the legends visible, the date off the planchet. Medium brown surfaces, slightly rough and with some minor nicks. Not all that pretty, but easily the cheapest R-6 variety you can hope to find!.....$15

Almost certainly struck later than 1787, this variety may have been struck shortly before the Coppers Panic of 1789 which decreased both the price and acceptance of Connecticut coppers as well as most other state coinage issues and circulating coppers.

Dick August Collection. Nov 4,1999
1787 9-D Abt Unc (50/55). Two small cuts on reverse at date line.
Finest Known. Ex. Hall-Brand specimen. Hall inventory No. 1793
Double white ink attribution on edge.

9-D

9-E

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

87* 1787. M. 9-E. High R-5, possibly R-6. Similar, rev. with blunt star ornaments, no colons. **Sufficient detail to justify a grade of VF,** but very shallowly and somewhat weakly struck; dark very minutely granular flan with a tiny crack at edge affecting T of AUCTORI. Probably a little rarer than the 9-D; much finer than the Appleton-MHS (1973) coin, none in the Bowers Aug. 1972 list and no other offered in some years: **(Photo)** $150 ($175.-225.)

$1,50

*Bids accepted by mail only. EAC '75

87

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

FINE

$88-

TAYLOR

2414 **1787 Connecticut. M 9-E. Mailed Bust Left.** 163.9 grains. R-6. F-12. Dark, olive green. Some surface porosity, primarily on the obverse. Lightly struck on the obverse, at the left side. Reverse somewhat off center, as many others of this combination. Fairly heavy flan, 15% above statutory weight.

PINE TREE "BROWN UNIV." MAY 21, 1976

520 **1787. M. 9-E** (high R-5). **Fine,** rev. somewhat better defined than obv.

$20-

Some porosity. Everything readable and plain. Grayish brown, brighter highlights. Compare 1975 E. A. C. sale lot 87, VF at $150.

BOWERS "NORWEB" MARCH 25, 1988

K SCRATCH

NORWEB

2506 **1787 Connecticut. M 9-E.** F-12, Rarity-6. 186.8 grains. 28.0mm. 30°. Rough obverse, X scratched on the reverse. Reverse often weak from 2:00 to 6:00 (see Taylor: 2414 for an almost identically off center reverse). Dark brown, glossy. Heavy flan, as Taylor: 2414. *Purchased privately by Albert Holden from Henry Chapman before 1913.* $121-

121

DING

Lot No. 1072 VF DETAIL FAIR OR

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

SEE ENLARGED PHOTO

OECHSNER

ED SARAFIAN TO D. MENCHELL

1072 **1787 Miller 9-E.** Mailed bust left. (R-6). 140.6 grains. **Very Fine,** two small flan defects at the upper right, one affecting C; a few old hairlines. Olive green and deep brown mixed with faded chestnut. Full legends, the very bottoms of the 787 off the flan. Overall a match for the EAC piece, and free of the dark spots that coin showed.

$605

70 BREEN'S ENCYCLOPEDIA (1987)

773 1787 Same obv. rev., blunt star ornaments. Rare. M. 9-E. Rev. reappears on 777. 113.5-184 grs. = 7.354-11.92 gms., probably representing batches at 60 and 40 to the lb.

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.9-E
FINE+, FLAT STRIKE
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION

1787 M.9-E Fine. Typical shallow strike. Relatively smooth steel brown without defects. 117.4 GR. N. PULLEN 4/77 - R. MARTIN 3/87 - D. MITUZAS

9-E

SCE "McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "CH GRIFFE" OCT 21, 1995 LOT #135 (PLATE) AT $25
BOWERS "MANN-SMEDLEY" SEPT 13-14, 1986

225-
250-

SCRATCH

TO DAVE MENCHELL

3057 1787 Connecticut copper. M 9-E. VF-20 or finer. Rarity-6. 138.4
$275 grains. Rich, semi-glossy gray-brown. Rim clipped on the obverse from 2:00 to about 3:30. A couple of old scratches below LI, pit after B. Reverse slightly off center, as seen on many of this combination. Earliest use of this obverse, before regrinding of reverse E. A nice specimen despite the clip, which shows very little actual wear.

PINE TREE "GENA SALE" OCT 1, 1976

11 **1787. M. 9-E (high R-5). Fine-Very Fine.** 66.00
66- Some central weaknesses of strike; lightly granular flan; uniform brown patination. See lot 87 of our 1975 E.A.C. sale.

220 **1787 Mailed Bust Left. M. 9-E (high R-5). Fine-Very**
50- **Fine.** Some central weaknesses of strike, lightly granular flan; uniform brown patination. See lot 87 of our 1975 E.A.C. sale. ($60-75)

PINE TREE "GREEN III" JUNE 15, 1978 50.00

1787 Mailed bust left. 9-E (R-4). Very Fine, a superior-grade specimen of this scarce issue RARE COIN REVIEW #14, APR. 1974. 69.00

1787 Mailed bust left. 9-E (R-4). Abt. Good RCR #12. 9/71. 12.00

NEW NETHERLAND'S 44TH SALE JUNE 23, 1954

46 1787. Mailed bust left; ~~the second "horned" M. 4-t, and~~ M. 9-E. 1787. ~~The CONNECT type; M. 15-F. Laughing head; M-6'-M. Very Good or so, the last mishandled a bit, and~~ the second ~~and third~~ defective as struck. Marked $13.00.
4 Pcs. 6.00

HEAVIEST KNOWN CONNECTICUT CENT! ?

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

50 1787 Mailed Bust Left M #9–E (High R–5) VERY GOOD–8, heavily
$70- granular surfaces. Extra thick planchet, 182+ grains. Almost certainly the same coin that Crosby declared the heaviest he'd ever encountered. An interesting, pedigreed item.

STACK'S "MASS. HIST. SOCIETY" SALE MARCH 29, 1973

45 1787 Connecticut. Miller 9-E. Rarity 4. Mailed bust left. The left side weakly
$52.50 struck, but all letters visible. **A very thick planchet. Weighs slightly over 182 grains.** Fine-Very Fine.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN. 1985

30) 1787 M.9-E Fine. Smooth medium brown. Localized weakness affecting "LIB" on reverse. Dies rotated 180 degrees.
31) 1787 M.9-E Fine-15. Reddish brown. Some localized weakness at "IN" in INDE. Dies rotated 150 degrees. (Hall 1794 ?, purchased Oct. 1952 for $2.50. No Hall attribution on edge).

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION), 1989

9-E	1787	F-/F+	R6	Double struck; double t
9-E	1787	P/VG	R5+	Worn & pitted obverse.

HENRY C. MILLER SALE, MAY 26-29, 1920

2165 1787. C. 9-E Good. Very rare. .45

N. PULLEN LIST #2, 1976

1787 MAILED BUST LEFT (p.29)
FINE M9-E R5 $40.

KAGIN'S LIST, SEPT 16, 1981

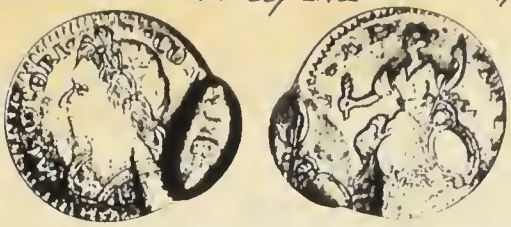
1787 CONNECTICUT 9-E Mailed bust left Fair 10.00

PAUL KAGIN LIST, APR. 1984

1787 MB1 M9E Rarity 6 Very fine 200.00
Lustrous, medium brown

9-E

BOWER'S 'D.C. MONTGOMERY SALE' FEB 20-22, 1976

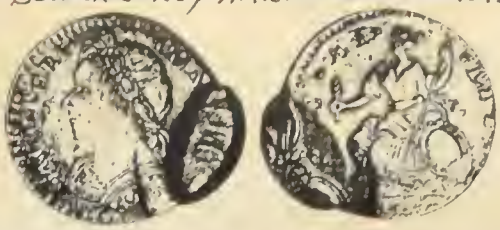


1757 1787 Connecticut. Miller 9-E. Mailed bust left. Curious double-struck mint error, with the second striking in "tab" form and 80% off center, as per the illustration. Extremely Fine. Interesting!
$240

RCR #28
RCR #29

BOWER'S "RARE COIN REVIEW" #27 WINTER 1976-7
1787 Mailed bust left. Miller 9-E. Interesting double struck mint error with second strike 80% off center. EF 395.00

BOWER'S 'ROY HARTE SALE' NOV 16-19, 1977



2024 1787 Connecticut. Mailed bust, left. Miller 9-E. *Error coin! Double strike. The second strike being 80% off center.* You must see this beauty to believe it. Extremely Fine.
200

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 17, 1991

2524 **1787** M.9-E (R-6). Good in terms of main details, but the upper rim bent and scraped.
28

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2123 **1787 M.9-E. MBL.** Fine. **Rarity 6.** 102.3 grains. Golden brown, surfaces pitted, edge dented; ~~1787 M.9-R. MBL. Good overall, sharpness in places of Fine. Rarity 5. 143.9 grains. Golden brown. Soft base obverse, top reverse. "Overdate" bold. Not as rare as once thought; 1787 M.14-H. MBL. Fine. Rarity 4. 154.5 grains. Dark, very rough, flawed; 1787 M.15-P. MBL. connect. Sharpness of Very Fine, scratched, obverse graffiti. Rarity 4~~. 4 pieces.
40
210
231.00

BOWER'S "SEBRING & GARBE SALE" MARCH 21, 1996

1086 Trio of scarce Connecticut copper varieties: ☆ 1787 M 9-E. Mailed Bust Left. Good overall, porous. Rarity-6. 111.1 grains. Die Alignment: 280° ☆ ~~1787 M 33.33-Z.3. Draped Bust Left. Fine, but uniformly porous and patinated on both sides. Low Rarity-6. 129.1 grains ☆ 1788 M 16.5-H. Draped Bust Left. Sharpness approaches VF, but dark and porous. Rarity-6. 130.8 grains~~. (Total: 3 pieces)
UNSOLD

BOWER'S "ROSSIG & WILSON" MAY 30, 1997

34 Connecticut copper group: ☆ ~~1785 Mailed Bust Right. Miller X.4. F-1. Rarity-3. VF-20~~ ☆ 1787 Mailed Bust Left. M 9-E. Rarity-6. VF-30 ☆ ~~1787 Draped Bust Left. M 32.2-X.1. Fine-15 ☆ 1788 M 16.1-H. Rarity-3. VF-20, perhaps finer. A nice group of above average quality coins~~. (Total: 4 pieces)
1100

MIKE RINGO LIST, FEB, 1984

6. 1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.9-E. About Good, medium brown, no damage. An R-5 variety..... 10.00

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CONNECTICUTS IN GUINNESS' BOOK OF RECORDS' E. BAENSLEY

Crosby said, p.217, that his Mailed Bust No. 9 weighed 184 Troy grains. Of the seven varieties which fall into Crosby's category No. 9, the only one known to come in extra thick planchets is 9-E. My piece weighs 183.5 gr., which almost but not quite equals Crosby's. Close but no cigar! But at least it beats out the Chesapeake Bay piece of 182 gr.

Therefore, Crosby's record in "Guinness" remains undefeated. Incidently, the lightest 9-E I have weighs in at only 113.5 gr. or 70 gr. less than my heaviest. Both pieces are in approximately the same condition.

9-E

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

SUPERIOR EXAMPLE OF MILLER 9-E

475-
750-
825.00

135. M18 1787 CONNECTICUT M.9-E MBL (R-6) VF20 138.6 gns. A difficult coin to grade as it has such a shallow strike. We have chosen to keep the same grade as it was given as lot 3057 in Bowers and Merena's 9/88 Sale where it was noted "shows very little actual wear". Light to medium olive brown, smooth and glossy. There is an old scratch below LI on the reverse and a pit after B. There is also a fairly large straight clip on the obverse from 1:00 to 3:00. Overall though it is quite attractive and certainly among the finer examples known. Comparable in strike to the Oechsner coin and almost as strong as the 1975 EAC coin but with more eye appeal. Finer than Taylor or Norweb and not in Hessberg. In fact this variety has been noticeably absent from recent auctions including the same run mentioned in our description of the M.5.2-O.2 above. In addition this variety was also lacking from the 7/92 sale of the Picker Reference collection. An important opportunity for a specialist seeking a superior example. Reverse rotated 125 degrees. The lot ticket for the 8/89 Aspen sale is included. ??

SEE BOWER'S "MANN - SMEDLEY" SEPT 13, 1988
LOT # 3057 (PUTE) AT $275.00

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

A SECOND MILLER 9-E

180-
220-
242.00

136. M19 1787 CONNECTICUT M.9-E MBL (R-6) F15 117.5 gns. A second example, this one very dark olive brown with some lighter tints. On a microscopically porous but otherwise problem free planchet save a very small reverse scrape above the olive branch. Some weakness at the top of the obverse and the corresponding area of the reverse. Reverse rotated 70 degrees.

9-E

1787 M.9-E WHT 140.6 GRAINS VERY FINE.
DAVID MENCHELL COLLECTION
EX STACK'S "OECHSNER COLLECTION" SEPT 9,1988 LOT#1072 (PLATE)

9-E

PINE TREE' EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

Extremely Rare 1787/88

Blundered Overdate

88 1787. M. 9-R. Low R-7. Same obv., rev. IND ET LIB with overdate (really corrected blunder) **1787 over 1788!** Eleven crosslets in legend, two more as finials on base and top of shield, and four more altering the wheat ear into a fanciful bouquet. **Very Fine,** usual shallow strike on a thin flan with several lamination defects, beautifully mottled light reddish brown, some of the color representing faded lustre, with patches of dark green patina. **It is possible that the objective grade is well above VF** and that the few touches of what appears to be wear may be almost entirely weakness of striking. Far and away above lot 58, Dr. Ruby Collection, which was bid up to $470 on the floor; still farther above the Norman Bryant coin, graded Fair or the VG in the Bowers list. No other auction record in decades. **A fantastic example of this extremely rare type coin, desireable not only for the unique IND ET LIB spelling** (a spacing problem) **but also for the blundered overdate.** Ex Stepney Hoard, Craige. $400 **(Photo) ($500.–up)**

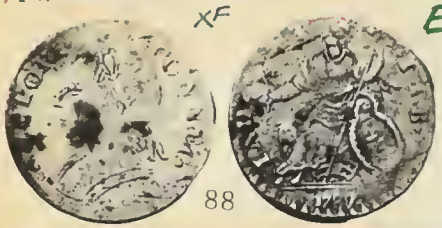
$400

A. TERRANOVA COLL

XF

EAC'75

SEE ENLARGED PHOTO



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RARE 1787/1788 IND ET LIB

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

341 **1787.** "Company for Coining Coppers." Mailed Bust Left. Group I: Hand-Cut Dies. M. 9-R. Triplet leaves, "goatee" break. Rev. Ms. Liberty holds a giant wheat ear, altered to a bouquet by crosslet punches; IND ET LIB, and corrected blunder **1787/1788. Low R-7. Some details VF, others Fine; surfaces better than Fine,** toned to various shades of brown, devices highlighted; scattered planchet defects, one affecting pole hand. Everything legible except parts of NNEC; base of date off flan as usual; all three grapevines on shield plain. Finer than Dr. Ruby 58 (which was bid up to $470 on the floor) or any other offered to our knowledge except lot 88. Late die state, with the die crumbling at E of ET, but without the cracks to branch. Ex Alan Kessler coll. **(Photo)** $500 **($350.–up)**

$500

EAC'75

341

PINE TREE "BROWN UNIV" MAY 21, 1976

151.7 GRAINS TO ROBERT MARTIN

521.

'BROWN UNIVERSITY'

RARE AND POPULAR 1787/1788 BLUNDERED OVERDATE

521 **1787. M. 9-R** (high R-6). IND ET LIB. Very plain corrected 1787 over 1788 die blunder. **Fine/Very Fine sharpness.** Usual shallow strike on thin flan with several lamination defects. First N of CONNEC missing due to a striking weakness in that area. Date and rev. legends are on flan and strong except for LIB of LIBERTY, as struck, accompanied by a planchet chip in rim and edge in the same proximity. Darkly toned with shades of brown and gray. Highly popular for not only the unique IND ET LIB spelling (actually a spacing problem) but also as the blundered date. Compares favorably with lots 88 and 341 in our 1975 I. A. C. sale, at $400 and $500 respectively. **(Photo)**

$140

9-R

BOWER'S' NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

FINE, REV. EDGE DING, IRIDESCENCE

2507 1787/8 Connecticut. M 9-R. VG-8/F-15. Rarity-5. 115.2 grains. 27.7mm. 210°. Golden green and brown. Obverse weak. Reverse rim nicked. Planchet cutter mark visible on the reverse. Final date digit punched over an erroneous 8, a die sinker's error.

Purchased by Albert Holden before 1913. NORWEB

71.50

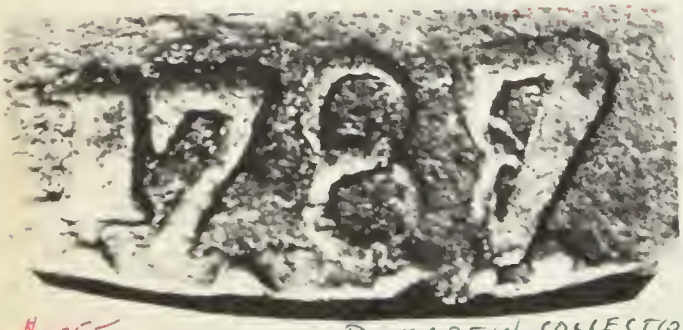
9-R

SMOOTH LIGHT OLIVE BROWN OK VF-30

M 9-R

1787/8 Overdate

TAYLOR



$935 — R. MARTIN COLLECTION

2415 1787 Connecticut. M 9-R. Mailed Bust Right. 127.3 grains. R-6. VF-35, with sharper areas. Light olive-brown surfaces, two areas of roughness primarily on the reverse. Superior to the Pine Tree E.A.C. specimen, far more detail present than the Pine Tree John Carter Brown Library specimen, and outclassing the Stack's Roper example. Probably high Condition Census. NN of obverse legend usually soft, here both letters are legible. Well centered on both sides. The only reverse with the IND ET LIB spelling. "Overdate," actually a diesinker's error, originally dated 1788 and corrected to 1787. The overdate, as the closeup photograph shows, is sharp and clear, and needs no magnification to be seen. *Obtained from Richard Picker in 1956 for $35.*

BOWERS "BUCHENBACH-SMITH NOV 10-12, 1986

2721 1787/8 Overdated Connecticut copper. M 9-R. R-6. AG-3. Planchet very porous, overall softly struck. Cutter marks visible at the base of the obverse and the top of the reverse. Considerable signs of verdigris in the obverse and parts of the reverse fields. 27.50

STACK'S SALE MAY 13, 1982

63 1787 M.9-R (weak overdate); 1 OF 5 PIECES GOOD AT $120 —

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

2638 176.00 **1787 M 9-R.** MBL. IND ET LIB variety. 1787/1788 "Overdate." R-5. 112.4 gns. Technically Very Fine. Dark, reddish brown. Obverse granular; reverse flawed. Reverse sharper than obverse, both re-cut final date numeral and unique (to this reverse) IND ET LIB fully legible. Apparently struck from the perfect states of the dies. FAIR VG/FINE

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1983

970 **1787** ~~**M.4-L. MBL.** Another. Rarity 1. Fine. 130.6 gns. Black-brown, granular. Early obverse state, "horn" here just a cusp;~~ ~~**1787 M.9-D. MBL.** Rarity 5. Very Good/Fine. 143.8 gns. Olive-brown, obverse off-center and granular. Die states as Taylor:2413;~~ **1787 M.9-R. MBL.** Rarity 5. Good. 109.3 gns. Olive green, very granular. 1787/8 date illegible. Die states uncertain; ~~**1787 M.11.2-K. MBL.** Strong Fine. 125.3 gns. Olive green and brown. Obverse lightly striated; reverse off center. Obverse break at CT not as advanced as on Taylor:2420;~~ ~~**1787 M.12-Q. MBL.** Rarity 5. About Good. Gray brown. Deeply flawed and laminated. Reverse scratched. 1787/1887 date barely legible. States as Taylor:2421;~~ ~~**1787 M.15-F. MBL.** CONNECT. Rarity 4. Fine. 88.7 gns. Pale tan. Reverse flawed through date, off center. Just base of second obverse T visible.~~ **6 pieces.** 120, 180, 198.00

RARE 1787/88 BLUNDERED OVERDATE

PINE TREE "ELIZ. MORTON COLL" OCT 18, 1975

497 **1787/88.** Mailed Bust Left. **M.9-R.** Rev. INC ET LIB. (almost R-7) **Very Good,** medium steel, uneven strike affecting CT and ET, usual defective planchet; very seldom available better. **Fully acceptable example of this great rarity. (Photo)** 450 — **($150.-up)**

Wheat Ear rev. (here altered to a bouquet)

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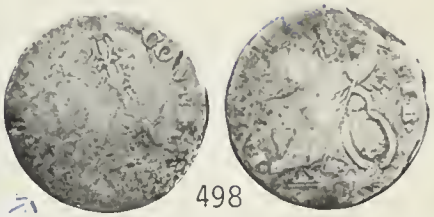

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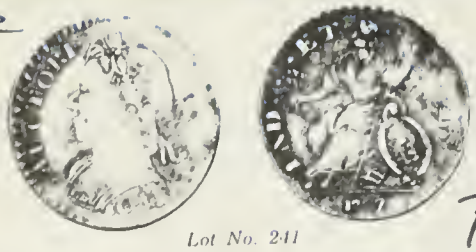
ANOTHER 1787/88

PINE TREE "ELIZ. MORTON COLL" OCT 18, 1975

498 **1787/88** Another **M. 9-R. Also VG** in terms of wear, some details better (two of the three grapevines on shield are clear), but similar weak uneven strike from a late state of die in which failure (showing as a bulge) has rendered date illegible. Similar defective planchet. Finer than the Normal Bryant coin. **(Photo)($150.-up)** 425 —

STACK'S "ROPER COLL" DEC 7, 1983



WEAK VF
FAIR
OVERALL FINE

ROPER

Lot No. 241

A 152

241 **1787/88 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 9-R. 114.2 grains. The first of the two **overdates,** and very rare. Weakly struck at the right of the coin such that CONNEC and LIB are not visible. Otherwise all details, including the overdate, are sharp and clear. No planchet defects or damage. An even dark brown. **A crude Fine.** 132 —

9-R

EX. STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

150-
425-

Lot No. 1073

OK FINE
SCATTERED HANDLING MARKS

OECHSNER

1073 1787 Miller 9-R. Mailed bust left. (R-6). The "Overdate" variety, "1787/1788." IND ET LIB reverse.
$467.50 156.0 grains. Fine, somewhat softly struck and showing reverse die buckling. Several planchet defects and some obverse scratches. All three vines on the shield visible. Full date, the final 7 punched over an erroneous 8. Deep brown, splashes of tan on the obverse.

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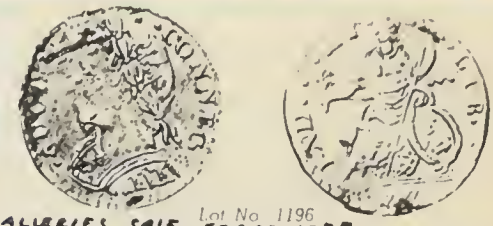
BREEN PLATE #774



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COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 22, 1977

Lot No. 1196

1196 1787/1788 Copper. M. 9-R, over date with IND ET LIB (Low R-7). Choice Very Fine with minor edge irregularity and clear overdate. RARE. Catalogues $350.00

PINE TREE "GENA '76 SALE" OCT 1, 1976

1787/88, IND ET LIB

12 1787. M. 9-R (R-7). Very Fine. PHOTO.
$88 Obv. planchet striations and roughly cut around top edge and border. Well centered and well struck save for some softness in region of date obliterating the figure 1 but leaving the "overdate" still plain. Compare 1975 E.A.C. sale lots 88 (VF+ at $400) and 34 (F-VF at $500).

C. ATKINS F.P.L. 3/13/91

1787/88 Connecticut Cent. VF-20. VF or better in terms of actual wear with some planchet flaking in central portions. Breen #774 ..... 295.00

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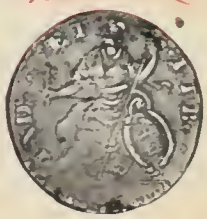
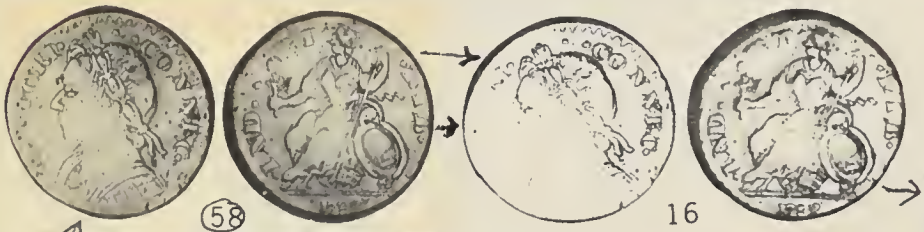
BLACK PLATE REV. R (1965)



COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 15, 1979

1145 1787 over 1788 Connecticut, M.9-R, (R-6). The scarce over-date, with IND ET LIB reverse. About Good, clear overdate; 1 OF 2 PIECES



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SUPERIOR 1975 A.N.A. SALE LOT #16 AUG 19-23, 1975 AT $290-

SUPERIOR'S DR. RUBY COLL" FEB 11, 1974

Extremely Rare Blundered Date 1787/1788

58
$470-

1787/88 (corrected blunder) Mailed bust left, punctuated with crosslets; reverse also has the blunder IND ET LIB. Miller 9–R. (The Guidebook lists the error date separately from the IND ET LIB, which is incorrect; only this one reverse has either feature, and it comes with a normal obverse as here or with the CONNECT obverse.) Fine, some details nearer Very Fine, others weaker; apparently unknown choice, and extremely rare (Rarity 7, less than a dozen known) in any grade. Listed by Taxay three years ago at $250.00 in Fine, before the current feverish interest in Colonials. PHOTO

BOWER'S "R.P. ARIAKNO SALE" JAN 24-25, 1980

21 1787 Mailed bust left. Miller 9-R. (R-5). VF-20, mostly choice
160- surfaces and color, week on the right side of obverse. 172.5 GR.
R. MARTIN – D. MENCHELL

1787 Mailed bust left. 9-R (R-5). Reverse with IND (instead of INDE) ET LIB. VF-20 RARE COIN REVIEW #50 1979 99.00

COLONIAL NEWSLETTE FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY

9-R	1787	VG	R7-	87/88 show
9-R	1787	VG+	R7-	
9-R	1787	"Good"	Crimpe	

R. MARTIN – D. MENCHELL

9-R

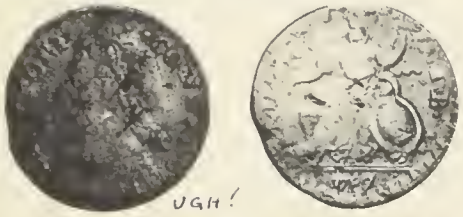
COIN GALLERIES SALE' AUG 20, 19PL

1348 1787/8 M.9-R (Low R-7). "IND ET LIB." Good, some details of VG and the overdate and IND visible; large planchet defect on obverse, and porous from cleaning. DENT

93.50

BLUNDERED OVERDATE

HIM, INC. SALE' NOV 4, 1985



UGH!

61 1787/8. M.9-R (Low R-7). VG/F. (Photo)

Deep brown toning with highlighted devices, weak obverse center with some diagonal planchet flaws, reverse sharper, with clear overdate @ 82.50

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

140 1787 M.9-R. MBL. "1787/1788," IND ET LIB. R-5. Very Good, flawed. 137.5 gns. Miller number in a fine hand on obverse; ~~M.15-F. Another. Very Good/Strong Fine. Hall attribution ("15/F*") in a fine hand on obverse;~~ M.24-g.5. DBL. R-5 (probably underrated and maybe R-6). Very Good, edge hammered around. ~~145.7 gns. Miller number in a fine hand on obverse.~~ 3 pieces.

170 / 170 / 187

STEVE IVY '1983 ANA' FEB 24,

26 1787/8 Connecticut VERY FINE (20) Mailed Bust Left. Miller 9-R. (R-5). Dark brown-to-ebony. Somewhat centrally weak but full legends and a bold date show. It is, of course, a misrepresentation to call this an overdate. If such a variety existed, it would be dated 1788/7. This variety is the result of a strong diebreak to the left of the last 7 in the date. A rare variety made more desirable by its listing in the **Redbook**.

@ 165

Connecticut Miller 9-R

1787/8 Overdate

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BOWER'S 'LLOYD HIGGINS' JAN 28-30, 1988

2012 1787 Connecticut. M 9-R. VG-8. Rarity-6. Bright golden brown. Obverse microscopically porous, reverse quite porous. Off center on the reverse, ET illegible. Bold "overdate," actually a die cutter's slip.

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

176.00

5675 1787 M 9-R. Rarity-5. So-called "1787/8 overdate." VG-8. 107.9 grains. Dark and corroded. States equivalent to Taylor:2415.
Ex. B&M/Higgins (1/88): 2012.

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972

1787 over 1788 "Overdate." The last 7 is cut over a previous erroneous 8, the [illegible] creating a backwards overdate! As we noted earlier in our *Review* No. 12: "Miller notes about reverse R: 'Irregular die break to left of last 7 of date, giving the 7 the appearance of having been struck [cut] over an 8.' Examination of better-grade specimens now makes positive that the coin is really 1787 over 8 and that the terminal digit was indeed first an 8, not a 'die break.' " Miller 9-R (R-5). Reverse with IND ET LIB (instead of INDE, etc.) legend. Another candidate for *Guidebook* listing — for the IND legend identifies it as a major variety. Good $25.00; Very Good $49.00; Very Fine 189.00

1787 M-9-R WHT. 113 GRAINS

R MARTIN OCT, 1977 – J. ROCK MAR 1987
VERY GOOD / FINE (10-12) J. GUUDGE?

1787 Mailed bust left. 9-R. (R-5). Good $19.00. Fine RSR #7, 8/70. 49.00

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AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN, 1985

32) 1787 M.9-R Details of Very Fine. Holed on obverse head. Edge DEFECT AT 3-4 O'CLOCK. MEDIUM BROWN.

33) 1787 M.9-R Fine/Very Fine. Uneven strike resulting in weak "CON-NEC" and obscured "LIB" on corresponding reverse. Relatively smooth reddish brown. (No Provenance)

NASCA SALE DEC-7, 1978

2529 1787/8. **Connecticut Copper,** M.9-R (R.5). VF+.
Full date, overdate very clear, Obverse slightly weak on high points; reverse rather well struck. Some planchet flaws, as usual. Rare and interesting variety.

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

51 1787/88 Mailed Bust Left IND ET LIB, M #9–R (R–7) Overdate. FINE–12 with light surface marks. Condition census. Ex. Bob Vlack.
$150

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

570 1787 Mailed Bust Left. 9-R (R-5). With error legend: IND ET LIB (IND instead of INDE). Very Fine. Very lightly struck on the right obverse and corresponding part of the reverse.
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BOWER'S 'SCOTT SALE' JUNE 5-7, 1975

LOT# 77 1787/8 overdate.
Mailed bust left. Miller 9-R. Rarity 5. Fine. Planchet flaws on obverse. (~~Total: 2 pieces~~) 105 –
1 OF 2 PIECES

MILLER PLATE

9 R

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1878 1787. C. 9-R. Good. Rare. .20
1879 1787. C. 9-R. Fine. Rarity 5. 1.85
2108 1787. C. 9--R, ~~and 10-E~~ V. Fa. to G. 3 pcs. .11

STACK'S N. BRYANT SALE FEB 2, 1973

12 1787 Connecticut. Miller 9-R. The first overdate. Fair; ~~Miller 32.4-Z.3. Very Good, all details are clear, a granular planchet. A rare variety; Miller 32.2 X-1. Fair. All are~~ Rarity 5. 3 pieces.
27.50

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, SEPT, 1982

1787/1788 Mailed Bust Left, M.9-R. One of two overdate Connecticuts. Very Good. All legends and devices clear, and the overdate is sharp. Rare, probably two dozen of this variety exist 90.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST 1979?

1787/8 Mailed Bust Left, M.9-R, rated R-7, but we feel R-6 is more appropriate. The popular overdate, with reverse IND ET LIB. About Good, honest wear, and plenty of it. Very sharp overdate.....35.00

1787/8 Mailed Bust Left, M.9-R, another overdate. Good, sharper than the previous specimen, but two obverse planchet defects. Another collectable example with a very sharp overdate.....35.00

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COIN GALLERIES 'PERKINS DUP'S' APRIL 14, 1993

1976 275.00 **Starter set of 1787 Mailed Bust Right varieties,** with some duplicates. Grades range from About Good to Fine, with most being Very Good to Fine. Usual planchet qualities for these grades. Most varying shades of brown. ~~**M.2-B.** Rarity 3; **M.4-L.** Rarity 1. Full "Horn" break; **another.** No "Horn" break; **M.6.1-M.** "Laughing Head". Rarity 1; **M.6.2-M.** "Second Laughing Head". Rarity 3;~~ **M.9-R.** "1787/8 Overdate". **Rarity 6; another; a third;** ~~**M.11.2-K.** Rarity 3; **another;** **M.13-D.** Rarity 4; **another; M.14-H.** Pheons at Date. Rarity 4; **M.15-F.** CONNECT. Rarity 4. The last of the 1787 MBR varieties until Miller 52.~~ **14 pieces.** 3 PIECES

3 PIECES

LETTERS WITH VERTICAL ORNAMENTATION		
"E"; "R" "B"; "D"; "I"; "L"; "T"	357 357	1787 obverse 9 1787 reverse R

THE BIZARRE LETTERING OF CONNECTICUT COPPERS

Since there was a considerable variety of type faces used in letter press printing of the period, one would expect variation in the styles of letter punches used to sink Connecticut legends. But such is not the case. Once in awhile certain dies reveal that different sets of punches got mixed up, inadvertently or intentionally, with the result that two different letter styles appear on the same legend. Rarer still were letter punches with groved faces. The 1787 combination 9-R is apparently unique in this respect. The letters "B", "D", "E", "I", "L", "R" and "T", (and perhaps the others too), were impressed by punches carved with a narrow line on each side of the wide vertical bars so that the three parallel strokes produce a very unusual and beautiful letter. Note that this design was cut into the punch, not engraved into the die. It is apparently the only one of its kind in the entire series. Reverse "R" is also unique in that it is the only Connecticut die to bear the abbreviation IND for INDE. There is no apparent reason for shortening this word because the ample space following it is filled with three crosslets. There is a total of seventeen of these crosslets used in this die which is in itself a record for ornamentation repetition.

THE BIZARRE LETTERING OF CONNECTICUT COPPERS

MISCUT NUMBERS OVERCUT		
78 struck over 87 7 struck over 8	356 356	1787 reverse Q 1787 reverse R

A superficial study of Connecticut Coppers shows their legends to have been composed from a multiplicity of different kinds of letters, both as to size and style; a more detailed study reveals that many of their irregular letters are not the result of blundered dies, as generally considered, but rather they are the consequence of ingenious improvision due to lack of proper punches. Only rarely was overpunching used to correct a mispunched character. This was done in only two overdates: Reverse "Q" which has 1787 struck over 1877, and reverse "R" which has 1787 struck over 1788.

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INFORMAL SURVEY BY DONN PEARLMAN

Miller 9-R of 1787 --- Summary of Findings

Perhaps surprisingly, a total of 22 separate specimens of this "very scarce" variety were located including four in Very Fine condition, one listed as Very Fine/Extra Fine, and another listed as Extra Fine. One of the Very Fine specimens, examined by the surveyor via color photograph, is a most pleasing tan color and sharply double struck!

On the lower end of the grading scale, eight specimens of 9-R of 1787 are listed as Good or Very Good. Even on the lower grading spectrum most overdates were reported sharp and clear.

The 1975 EAC/Pine Tree auction catalog lists this variety as "low R-7" with R-7 defined as approximately only 4 to 12 known. As one of the catalogers candidly remarked when asked about the obvious disparity between the 22 extant pieces located in the survey and the R-7 catalog designation: "I guess you could say some of the rarity estimates were a little exaggerated."

DATE ELEMENT --- 1787 over 1788

OVER →

1787 M.9-R Extremely Fine. Few Defects. CONDITION CENSUS
Jim Goudge Collection Via C. Bullowa Privately.

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QUANTITIES by GRADE

→ Grade ↓ VARIETY	Fair	About Good	Good	VG- G-VG G/VG G+	VG	Abt. Fine VG+ VG/F VG-F	Fine	VF- Fine + F/VF F-VF	VF	VF+ VF/XF	XF
9-R of 1787	1	1	3	2	4	2	2	1	4	1	1

COL. NEWS. MARCH, 1980 P. 712

COLLECTION	9-R of 1787	
	COIN # & GRADE	DATE ACQUIRED & COMMENTS
A	#1 Fine	Hole at 12:00, otherwise decent. Ex. New Jersey Historical Society. 1931
	#2 VF	Slight corrosion, but very nice overall condition. Pedigree unknown.
B	#3 Good	1978
C	#4 VG	1935
	#5 Good	1935
D	#6 G/VG	Found in dealer's box of common cappers. "I feel this is a very scarce variety in any grade above VG. 1974
E	#7 VG	1967
F	#8 VG/F	1977
	#9 VF	1977
	#10 VF	Double struck. 1978
G	#11 XF	1938
	#12 Fine	1956
H	none	
I	#13 VF/XF	Ex. Stepney Hoard, Craig and EAC 1975 Sale.
J	#14 VG	1955
K	none	
L	#15 VF-	A very nice coin with glossy surfaces and clean overdate. 1977
M	#16 VG/F	Die bulge on ond above 87 of date. 1959
N	#17 G/VG	Sharp overdate. 1977
O	#18 AG	Honest wear and plenty of it, but very sharp overdate.
	#19 VG	Two obverse planchet defects, but very sharp overdate.
P	none	
Q	#20 Fair	
	#[illegible]	

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1787 9-R DOUBLE STRUCK

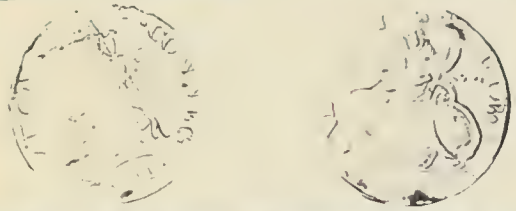
ROBERT MARTIN COLLECTION

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA (1987)

774 1787/88 (!) Same obv.; IND ET LIB. Rare.
M. 9-R. Crosslets in legends. Wheat ear altered to bouquet, crosslets for flowers. Rev. of 782. Believed intentional backdating; see introductory text.

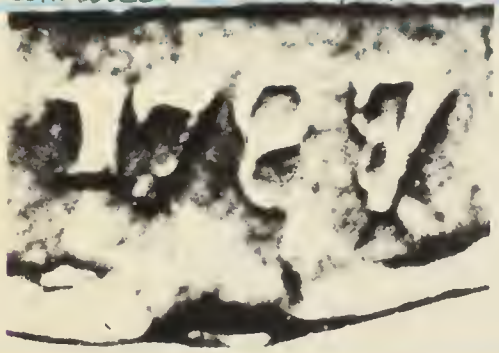
BREEN PLATE

VLACK PLATE REV.



SEE P.T. SALE OCT 1, 1976 LOT #12

SEE COIN GALLERIES SALE 2/22/79 LOT #1156



STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

CONDITION CENSUS 1787/8 "OVERDATE"

POSSIBLY FINEST KNOWN

DR. HALL

HESSBERG

$2,860.00

Lot No. 1378

DEFECTIVE

D. PARTRICK

1378 **1787 Miller 9-R** (High R-6). 111 grains. Mailed bust left, large head, reverse shows a bold overdate that is really a die cutter's error, 1788 first punched by error, corrected to 1787. 11 tiny crosses or quatrefoils appear in reverse legend, itself an error IND ET LIB, plus four others making a bouquet of Liberty's olive branch. This coin is almost certainly the finest known of this variety, without evidence of circulation and offering some faded mint red around lettering and devices. Superior in its strike to the Taylor coin, both N's bold and full in CONNEC., date and denticles below it are complete; better color than the Pine Tree-EAC example. An high Condition Census example, full head and face, complete trio of vines on Liberty and her shield. Irregular rims as struck, one reverse lamination. **Mint State.**

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection. XF+/AU/MINT

REDDISH BROWN AU OVERALL

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

1172 1787 Connecticut copper. M 9-R. Mailed Bust Left. 110.4 grains. Rarity-5. VG-6. Dark chocolate brown. Planchet surfaces somewhat striated. Clear "overdate" visible on the reverse, the final numeral in the date punched over an inaccurate "8." Die states equivalent to Taylor:2415. DARK BROWN SCRATCH NOT TOO BAD

$220

Ex Ryder Collection. Henry Chapman auction sale envelope, numbered "162," with Ryder's annotations, accompanies this lot. Called "Good" by Ryder.

NOTE → The "overdate" visible on this piece has commonly been characterized as a die cutter's error caused by an incorrect final numeral 8 being added instead of the intended 7. However, it is intriguing to suggest that the actual date that the die was to have been 1788, and the variety "backdated" to create the fiction that this variety had actually been coined in 1787. Research on "backdated" Connecticut and New Jersey varieties is continuing.

MIKE RINGO LIST, JULY, 1985

3. 1787/8, M.9-R. Fair to About Good, well-worn but clean. Date is weak though visible; a decent filler of an R-7 variety..... 25.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #39 OCT, 1985

6. 1787/8 Mailed Bust Left. Miller 9-R, R-6. Overdate. Fine-12, but heavy rim damage on left side of coin. nice color and clear date, ($75)

→ SEE COLOR PHOTO TOP OF PAGE

1787 M.9-R 1787/1788 Blundered Overdate "Double Struck". First strike normal and well centered. Second strike rotated 20 degrees and struck about 15% off-center, resulting in almost two complete overdates. Fine/Very Fine Overall. Some details weak and obliterated, due to overstriking. No defects. Light brown color.

VIA NORMAN PULLEN APRIL 1978 AS XF

R. MARTIN COLLECTION

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #7 AUTUMN, 1992

62. 1787 Connecticut, Miller 9-R. Rarity-6. 105.1 grains. Overall grade probably better than Very Good. An amazing shift triple struck example, AT $495.00

DICK AUGUST LIST, MAR, 1980

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5676 1787 M 9-R. Rarity-5 for dies, Rarity-7+ in this condition. G-6. 105.1 grains. Shift triple struck, obverse struck twice, reverse struck three times, off center on two of them. Very complex series of multiple strikes, rendering the die states impossible to determine. A coin for the specialist collector. R. MARTIN COLL. LOT #141 AT $264.00

$220.00

SEE STACK'S SALE 3/22/94

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KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

1787/8 Overdate

M 9-R, Rarity-6

247.00

6524 **1787/8 Connecticut copper "overdate" variety. M 9-R. Mailed Bust Left. VF-20,** perhaps slightly finer for sharpness. **Rarity-6.** 147.2 grains Slightly off center to the right on the reverse, affecting the very tops of LIB Distinctive reverse spelling of IND ET LIB, the only reverse of its kind in the Connecticut copper series Olive-brown surfaces with medium brown design details Often encountered with some striking weakness in the reverse legends, this specimen bears full, bold legends on both sides A few faint scratches are noted for accuracy The "overdate" is a diesinker's error, originally dated 1788 and corrected to 1787 A nice example of this rare variety, comparable in overall quality to the Stack's/Roper, December 1983 example An excellent coin for the specialist and Connecticut copper enthusiast

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

77.00

6525 **1787/8 Connecticut copper. M 9-R. Mailed Bust Left. G-4,** perhaps slightly finer **Rarity-6.** 110.9 grains Die alignment 220° Faint porosity and a few minor planchet fissures are noted on pleasing medium brown surfaces NN in CONNEC fully legible; this area of M 9-R is often seen very weak **Reverse legend style of IND ET LIB, the only reverse with this spelling.** A pleasing example, for the grade, of this elusive Connecticut copper issue

BOWERS M.H.S. SALE NOV 18, 1994

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3176 **Connecticut copper quartette,** 1 OF 4 PIECES

☆ **1787/8 M 9-R. Mailed Bust Left. G-4, cleaned. Rarity-6.** 133.2 grains. Die alignment: 200°. Sharpness approaching a higher grade, particularly on the reverse, but harshly cleaned to an unnatural redness long ago and now retoning ☆ 1 OF 4.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

100, 240, 264

141 **1787 M.9-R.** Another. "1787/1788," IND ET LIB. Another. R-5 for the dies. Good. 105.1 gns. **Shift triple struck**: obverse struck twice, reverse struck three times, off center on two of them. **High R-7 for the error.** Very complex series of multiple strikes rendering the die states impossible to determine.

From Bowers and Merena's sale of the Schenkel Collection, November 14, 1990, lot 5676. AT $220.00

PREVIOUSLY R. MARTIN COLL VIA DICK AUGUST, 1980

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

120, 130, 143

53 **1787 M.9-R. MBL. R-4+** (revised). 1787/1788 "Overdate." Technically Very Fine, obverse and reverse surfaces micro-granular, heavy reverse rim flaw at 2:30. Reverse always seems sharper struck than the obverse on this combination. "Overdate" quite legible. Reverse die beginning to fail above date; obverse perfect. We have seen 26 M.9-R's thus far, and feel more comfortable with a revised R-4+ rarity rating.

TOO DARK ROUGH FLAN

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

150, 190, 209.00

2124 **1787 M.9-R. MBL.** Overall Fine, cleaned. Rarity 5. 114.9 grains. Rough and laminated, heavy edge dent. "Overdate" bold. A variety whose rarity was overestimated; ~~**1787 M.11.2-K. MBL.** Overall Very Good. Rarity 3. 141.9 grains. Brown. Light obverse flaw, rim chip at 8:30. Obverse state as Taylor:2420; **1787 M.16.1-M. DBL. Fine.** Dark brown, granular, obverse scratched. Rarity 4. 140.1 grains; **1787 M.16.2-NN.** 1. **DBL.** Very Good, rough, reverse particularly. Rarity 5. 139.9 grains. Dark, verdigris on both sides~~. 4 pieces.

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

40, 210, 231

2123 **1787** ~~**M.9-E. MBL.** Fine. **Rarity 6.** 102.3 grains. Golden brown, surfaces pitted, edge dented~~; **1787 M.9-R. MBL.** Good overall, sharpness in places of Fine. Rarity 5. 143.9 grains. Golden brown. Soft base obverse, top reverse. "Overdate" bold. Not as rare as once thought; ~~**1787 M.14-H. MBL.** Fine. Rarity 4. 154.5 grains. Dark, very rough, flawed, **1787 M.15-F. MBL. connect.** Sharpness of Very Fine, scratched, obverse graffiti. Rarity 4~~. 4 pieces.

EAC PENNY WISE ISSUE NO. 151 JULY 15, 1992

ED SARRAFIAN, EAC #1628 P.O. Box 864 Glenview, IL 60025

For Sale: 1787/1788 Connecticut Miller 9-R, Ind Et Lib. Fine, with some reverse roughness in the center. Full clear date. $285.

MIKE RINGO LIST AUG, 1988

10. 1787/1788 Overdate, M.9-R. About Good to Good; legends and date weak but generally visible. Lightly porous surfaces, decent for the grade. R-6. 65.00

MIKE RINGO LIST JUNE, 1987

14. 1787/8 Overdate, M.9-R. Very Good or better, clear date and virtually full legends. Medium brown with a patch of encrustation at the top of the reverse. A rare variety that is much more elusive than the 12-Q overdate..... 135.00

9-R

MCCANLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

71 #275 1787 CONNECTICUT COPPER. M.9-R, THE 1787/1788 OVERDATE (High R-4) 146.0 grains. Technical grade probably near Very Fine, but significant porosity over most of the coin. All details are present and can be seen, save the date. On an odd planchet, with a spur at K7.5 relative to the obverse and two tiny clips. No real marks of note. Medium brown with some darker verdigris.

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.9-R
FINE, RIM DAMAGE

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FIXED PRICE LIST #11 SPRING, 1996

A VERY CHOICE MILLER 9-R
The Very Rare 1787/8 Overdate

135 1787/8 Connecticut. Miller 9-R, the overdate reverse. Rarity-6. 129.0 grains. Choice Very Fine. Well struck, especially for a variety that usually comes wretched. This one has bold legends, with just the E of INDE and the E of ET weak as struck. The all-important overdate is full and as sharp as any that we've seen. Extremely bold designs on either side, with significant hair and drapery detail on both the obverse effigy as well as Liberty on the reverse. The reverse also shows full lines on the globe and all three grapevines on the shield! Hard light brown surfaces, the obverse with a few ancient hairline scratches on the face that are toned down to the color of the surfaces and not all that noticeable. The reverse has some roughness at the very center, else the surfaces are hard and glossy. An amazingly sharp and attractive example of this the variety, one of only two overdates in the entire Connecticut coppers series [the other, reverse Q, has the date 1787 cut over an erroneous 1877!]. The variety is almost impossible to find in grades better than VG. The only nicer specimens offered in recent years were the Dr. Hall-Hessberg coin, an EF/AU piece that brought $2860 and the VF/EF Taylor coin which sold for $935 way back in the dark ages! VF examples can be found in the EAC '75 and Roper sales, while the best Norweb could find was just VG/F. Missing from the large specialized offering in the C4 convention, as well as most other sales in the last few years. Overall, slightly more appealing than the example on our last price list, a VF that received several orders at $529. This one should be quite popular at a little bit less.....$459

This is the only reverse die in the entire Connecticut series to use the reverse legend IND ET LIB. One wonders why the E wasn't added to the first word, as there is more than enough space for the letter [three small stars are in that space]. With the double error of the overdate and the incorrect legend, one must assume that the die was cut by a novice or that the experienced diecutter[s] stayed out far too late the night before!

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

127 1787/8 Connecticut, Miller 9-R, another Overdate reverse. 146.3 grains. Very Good, some details closer to the Fine level, others weaker as struck; this is a much more typical grade for this rarity. Full legends on either side, a few letters a bit weaker than their neighbors, but everything readable. The date (and overdate) is off the planchet, due to centering, though the naked eye error of IND ET LIB [instead of the correct INDE ET LIB] on the reverse is plainly visible. Medium brown, lightly rough surfaces, more so on the reverse than the obverse. As with the Miller 9-D offered above, this coin was struck on a planchet cut from a defective press and with a large rim burr visible at K-7 on the obverse; unlike the 9-D, however, these dies were perfectly aligned and the rim burr was bent over and flattened during the striking process, though the result is plainly visible over ET on the reverse. A relatively inexpensive example of this rare and popular variety, and the first time that we've ever been able to offer two examples on the same list!.....$69

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

THE RARE MILLER 9-R
1787/8 OVERDATE VARIETY

126 1787/8 Connecticut, Miller 9-R, the rare Overdate Reverse. Rarity-6. 158.9 grains. Very Fine, some details in the choice category. Fairly well struck for this rare variety that is almost always seen wretched. The obverse legends are weak at NNEC and the reverse at LI of LIB. The rest of the legends are strong. The all-important overdate is as sharp as we've ever seen, with the errant 8 easily visible under the final 7, even with the naked eye. The central details are also quite sharp for the variety, with good hair detail on the obverse and central reverse detail that includes partial grapevines on the shield! Medium brown surfaces that are very minutely rough, more noticable at the top of the reverse than anywhere else, though not all that detracting. A rare and popular variety, using one of only two overdated reverses in the entire Connecticut series [the other is reverse Q and is an 1787/1877 overdate]. It's also a variety that is next to impossible to find in any sort of decent condition; the average grade for the variety hovers around Very Good. In recent years the Dr. Hall-Hessberg coin was the only nicer example offered, that piece an EF/AU that brought $2860. VF examples were found in the EAC '75, Roper and Taylor sales, the latter bringing a strong $935. Oechsner had a F/VF at $467.50 and the best Norweb could acquire was just VG/F! This coin is in or, at the very worst, near the bottom of the Condition Census, and is certainly the finest example that we've ever had in stock. Nothing remotely close has been offered in the last several years, and we expect this example, with its especially sharp overdate, to be on the want lists of a number of collectors. It's also damed affordable at under half of what the Taylor coin realized over seven years ago!.....$529

This is also the only reverse die in the entire Connecticut series to use the legend IND ET LIB; one wonders why the E wesn't added to INDE as there is more than enough room [three small stars take up the space]. With the double error ol the incorrect legend end the overdate, one must essume that either the experienced diecutters had been out too late the night before or that someone new wes trying their hand et making a die [and failing miserably].

9-R

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FIXED PRICE LIST #11 SPRING, 1996

136 1787/8 Connecitcut. Miller 9-R, another. 98.2 grains. Very Good or so, a much more typical grade for the variety. Weak at AUC and INDE ET, though the rest of the legends are sharp, as is the all-important overdate. Medium brown surfaces with some light, shallow striations on either side and some light roughness. Not as bad as the description makes the piece sound, and certainly one of the most affordable examples of this rare overdate around!.....$69

1787 M.9-R EXTREMELY FINE
ANTHONY TERRANOVA COLLECTION
EX PINE TREE "EAC'75" SALE FEB 15,1975 LOT#88 (PLATE)

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

214 1787/8 Connecticut. Miller 9-R, another. 132.9 grains. Very Good or so, some details stronger, others weaker as struck. NNEC is weak on the obverse, as is LIB on the reverse. The rest of the legends are sharp, as is the all-important date. Design detail is sharper than the grade assigned, especially on the reverse. Light laminations on either side. Cleaned and starting to retone, the piece is now an unnatural pink hue though that should change over time and the piece should be quite presentable.....$42

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

146. 1787/8 Connecticut Copper. Miller 9-R. Rarity-6. 85.7 grains. Fine or slightly better, somewhat erratically struck as is almost always the case with this variety; some details better than the grade, others weaker. The obverse is the stronger side, with the legends full, NNE weaker than the rest, but still visible. The obverse design is somewhat weak, as always found on the variety. though there are some mailing lines visible in the bust. Again, the variety strikes up poorly! The reverse is weaker, with a few scattered letters in the legend visible and the seated figure quite faint. Incredibly, though, the lower portion of this side is quite strong, with full globe lines, and a FULL AND VERY SHARP OVERDATE, one of just two reverse dies in the entire Connecticut series to have the date corrected, this one originally reading 1788, but corrected with a 7 being punched over the final 8; the overdate is easily visible with a glass. Medium brown surfaces that have some very trivial laminations on either side, none of much note. There are some light green spots on either side as well, near the top right rim on the obverse and at the lower center of the reverse; these don't appear to be active corrosion, and may well be removable by someone skilled in such matters. A pleasing example overall, and one that only has a couple of truly nice examples in existence, the nicest probably being the EF Taylor coin (though called VF in that sale), followed by VF's in Oecshner, EAC '75 and the ANS. Of note, Roper's was a choice Fine, while Norweb's was VG/F and VG examples can be found in Schenkel, Norweb, Morton, the Picker Reference Collection, the Boyd-Brand-Ryder sale and two pieces in the permanent collection of the Colonial Newsletter Foundation. This is an AMAZINGLY lightweight example of the issue, tipping the scale at just a little over half the authorized weight for the Connecticut issues – adding further circumstantial evidence that the variety may have been struck quite late in the series, perhaps right before the Coppers Panic reduced the value of all circulating copper coinages. A most difficult variety to find in ANY condition, and one that will be quite difficult to improve upon – and if you could find one just a grade better you should be prepared to pay at least triple our asking price of just.....$279

This is also the only reverse die in the entire series to have the legend reading IND ET LIB One wonders why the E wasn't added to the first word. as there is more than enough space left for the letter (enough to fit three small stars in after the word!). With the double error of the overdate and the incorrect legend, as well as the amateurish quality of the die layout, one must assume that the die was cut by a novice – or that an experienced die sinker stayed out far too late the night before!

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

GROUP III SEE BROWERS 1991 ANA SALE LOT #54

Same Hubs, Medium Letters

93 **1787, M. 10–E.** Near R–7. Six crosslets in obv. legend; first O double punched unpublished break through tops of CTOR. Rev. Die of 9–E, 11.–1E, broken from rim to second star, reground so that inner foot is disconnected and globe lines are incomplete. **Many details Fine, few others nearer to VG,** everything legible except parts of date and IB which are off flan. Struck on an oddly patinated blank with minor granular obv. defects, one or two small laminations on either side, as made, small edge dent on either side. **Extremely rare;** three are impounded in ANS, one was in the Dr. Hall collection, another was in the Miller collection, another (the same piece?) in the Boyd estate, a few others survive in lower grades. **Probably of Condition Census level. (Photo)** $185 **($300.–up)**

$185

'EAC '75

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10-E

PINE TREE "BROWN UNIV" MAY 21, 1976

522 **1787, M. 10-E** (nearly R-7). Existing details Fine with some approaching VF sharpness.

$20-

Most of AL CTOR1 obscured by obv. planchet defects. Date barely readable and INDI ball off flan. Brown coloration. The VG+ specimen in our L. A. C. sale, lot 93, brought $185.

SEE RUSA AMERICANA FPLMB SPRING 1993 LOT #74
COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

2639 **1787 M 10-E.** MBL. Low R-6. 154.8 gns. ~~Very Good.~~ Orange tan, red cuprous oxide spots on obverse. Both surfaces rough and granular. Mis-struck at left peripheries. States roughly equivalent to Taylor:2416, CONNEC still fully legible. M 10-E is typically found with its reverse aligned at 270 or 320 degrees. ABT. GOOD

110.00

EARLY AMERICAN COINS

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1987)

3. Triplet Head, Wheat Ear, Medium Letters, Small Dates

777 1787 Crosslets. Rev., blunt stars. Very rare. **M. 10-E.** Rev. of 773, 133 grs. = 8.62 gms.

BREEN PLATE CARNEGIE MUSEUM

SEE BREEN PLATE #777

L. MERKIN SALE SEPT 11, 1974

244 **1787 Connecticut,** Miller 10-E. Rarity 5. **Unc.** Struck on a very thick planchet, weighing 184¾ grains which is slightly higher than any that Miller recorded (this highest was 184 grains). **Much original red, mostly behind the head and in the reverse lettering.** The left side of the coin is weakly struck, so that TOR of the obverse and IIB of the reverse do not show. A few very minor defects in the planchet. Indeed a rare opportunity to find a rarity 5 Connecticut in such top condition. **HUST.** $1,500.00

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CARNEGIE MUSEUM
SLANT 9 DOIN U 11
HULL N NO #3
MARCH 24, 1983
TO DON PARTRICK

CARNEGIE MUSEUM

43 Connecticut 1787 Copper, mailed bust left (Miller 10-E). Rarity 6. *Some traces of mint red in protected areas, uncirculated.*

PINE TREE 'GENA '76 SALE' OCT 1, 1976

RARE DOUBLE STRIKE

13 **1787, M. 10-E** (nearly R-7). **Average grade of Fine,** but difficult to grade as are all double struck specimens. 40.00

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About two thirds of King Conn's head visible in upper Obv. (the first strike) and full plain head, part of border and TOR1 show on bottom half of coin (the overstrike); Rev. similar configuration to Obv. Brown patination, light Obv. planchet flaws. Refer to 1975 L.A.C. lot 93.

Double Struck M. 10-E

PINE TREE 'FUN 78', JAN 6, 1978

19 **1787 M. 10-E** (nearly R-7). Average grade of Fine, but difficult to grade as are all double struck specimens. About two thirds of King Conn's head visible in upper Obv. (the first strike) and full plain head, part of border and TOR1 show on bottom half of coin (the overstrike); Rev. similar configuration to Obv. Brown patination, light Obv. planchet flaws. Refer to 1975 L.A.C. lot 93.

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

LOT # 2501 M 10-E. VG-6. Rarity-6–. 127.0 grains. 28.0mm. 140°. Dark brown. Reverse lamination. Rim break U-1 as on Taylor: 2416. The marks in the effigy's head were in the die, see Taylor: 2416! Additional break noted from the top of the wreath to quatrefoils to C.

1 OF 10 PIECES NORWEB

PAUL KAGIN LIST, APR, 1984

"B" MB1 AV101 Rare ATTRIBUTION ON OBVERSE BY MILLER IN INK WHO WROTE THE BOOK. The overall but planchet slightly bent 9.00

10-E

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

TAYLOR

2416 $44 1787 Connecticut. M 10-E. Mailed Bust Left. 134.4 grains. Low R-6. VG-8. Dark golden brown, with areas of porosity. Mostly centered on both obverse and reverse, the former being only slightly offset to the right. Cluster of pinprick marks on the obverse surface. Typically weakly struck reverse. ET indistinct. Obverse break through tops of UCTOR, reaching to the top of the I in that word, a little more advanced than seen on the Pine Tree E.A.C. specimen. Overall sharpness perhaps a little finer than the grade.

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

2417 $38.50 1787 Connecticut. M 10-E. Mailed Bust Left. 121.4 grains. Low R-6. VG-8. Dark brown planchet. Portions of the obverse legend obscure, primarily UCT. Reverse weaker than that on preceding lot, with most of the inscription illegible and the date indistinct. Fairly porous.

TAYLOR

SEE ENLARGED PHOTO

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

*142 / 120 / 500 / 550 1787 M.10-E. MBL. Low R-6. Strong Very Fine/Very Good. 182.8 gns., the second heaviest recorded for this variety and one of the heaviest Connecticuts known. Good olive brown, reverse paler. Dig in left obverse field, smaller one on reverse, retained lamination to right of date. Reverse shift double struck, very soft to begin with (due to shallow die work and double thickness of flan), made worse by the doubling. A bit lighter in weight than the piéfort in our September, 1993 sale and a bit broader in diameter, too.

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BOWER'S "FRED & WARD COLLS" NOV 13-14, 1995

3025 157 1787 M 10-E. Mailed Bust Left. VG for sharpness. Low Rarity-6. 121.4 grains. Die alignment: 270°. Uniform porosity on deep brown surfaces. Date and portions of legends on both sides weak, typical for this combination.

EX TAYLOR

From our sale of the Taylor Collection, March 1987, Lot 2417.

1787 Connecticut Miller 10-E

BOWERS "GARRETT" SALE OCT 1, 1980

$450 — GARRETT

1355 1787 Connecticut. Miller 10-E. 133.0 grains. Rarity-5. Another extremely rare variety, this one being rare in all grades. In the condition offered, Extremely Fine, it is one of the finest known. The reverse die is inverted. The reverse is off center, as are almost all seen. The specimen offered here shows the top of the date numerals. A number of the few other specimens observed show no date at all. Dark brown, flawless, smooth, surfaces. A superb piece for the specialist.

From the collection of Sylvester S. Crosby.

OPEN $130 — SOLD $450 —

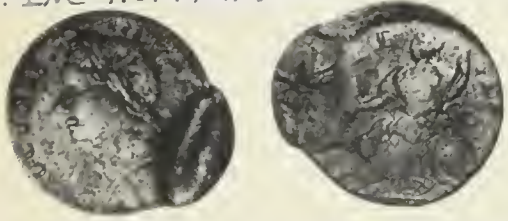
STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

54 / 170 / 170 / 187 1787 M.10-E. MBL. R-6-. Very rough Fine. 153.2 gns. Olive-brown, on uniformly granular surfaces with some light pitting here and there. Reverse off center to the left, virtually no part of the inscription remains. Date faint but legible. From the late state of the obverse, AUCT all engaged by a heavy break turning into a rim cud, a coin important for this feature.

VG/VF TOO ROUGH

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
1787 10-E #6344 J.C. MITCHELSON, 1913
HOLED & COUNTERSTAMPED "J.H. FULLERTON"
ABOUT GOOD.

H.I.M. INC "HOFFMAN COLL" NOV 19, 1982



10-E

178 1787. Connecticut Copper. Partial offcenter double strike. VF+. (Photo) $162.75 R. MARTIN

Second strike some 75% offcenter towards K9 reverse only, struck on an extended rounded fang with obverse thereof blank, deep jade green patina like a fine Roman copper, rather heavy for this issue at 172 grains. 172.2 GRAINS

BOWERS "E.M. SAUNDERS" NOV 9-11, 1989

3022 1787 Connecticut. M 10-E. Low Rarity-6. VF-20, dark brown. Sharper than Taylor:2416 or 2417; and from a much later state of the obverse, with pronounced crumbling from A through R, and extending into the field below UC. 137.50

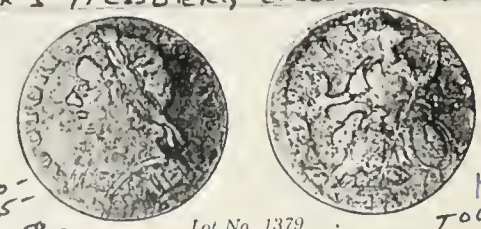
BOWER'S 'RARE COIN REVIEW' #12 SEPT, 1971

1787 Mailed bust left. 10-E (R-5). Abt. Good RCR #12 2/71. 17.00

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

571 1787 Mailed Bust Left. 10-E (R-5). Reverse misaligned 170 degrees. Very Good. 20 —

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991



DR. HALL

HESSBERG

400 — 425 — $467.50

TOO DARK

Lot No. 1379

1379 1787 Miller 10-E (Low R-6). 142 grains. Mailed bust left, recut O, die crack at tops of most letters in AUCTORI. Reverse is off center. Faintly uneven surfaces, deep glossy brown. Very Fine. VF/VG

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection

10-E

FAIR

Lot No. 190

275

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9-11, 1987

(190) 1787 Mailed bust left, M.10-E (Low R-6). Very Fine, each side slightly off-center with tops of a couple of letters off the flan. Weak date, as usual, but it is entirely on the planchet. Very late die state of the obverse, breaks from rim through tops and bottoms of AUCT, with UCT obliterated. Light brown toning, minor planchet defects. The reverse is stronger than usual, with the lower part of ET distinct. Much better than the Very Good pieces in Taylor, or the Very Good-Fine example in EAC. Quite possibly in the Condition Census.

#275

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION), 1989

10-E	1787 G		R6++	Attempted puncture center.
10-E		F-F		[illegible]
10-E	1787	VF/VF-	R6	Double struck ? (see O
10-E.	1787	"Dog"		Upset reverse (bookwise

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10-E 6344 (holed&ctrmkd 1)

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.10-E
VERY GOOD

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

34) 1787 M.10-E Extremely Fine. Reverse shallowly struck. Planchet defect at 1:30-2:00 o'clock on obverse and corresponding reverse from rim through "L" in LIB ot pole hand. Late state with advanced break through tops of "UCTORI". Basically smooth medium brown with some darker mottlings. Dies rotated 90 degrees.

35) 1787 M.10-E Very Good overall. White ink attribution in obverse field. Struck 5-10 % off center resulting in tops of "ONNEC" off flan as well as "IB in LIB. Date obscured. Dies are rotated about 180 degrees. (No Provenance)

36) 1787 M.10-E White ink attribution in left obverse field. Extremely late die state with massive break obliterating "AUCTOR". Dies rotated 90 degrees. Slightly off center causing tops of "CONNEC" to be struck off flan. Dark brown with scattered patches of green verdigris on obverse and reverse. (No Provenance)

HENRY C. MILLER SALE, MAY 26-28, 1920

1880 1787. C. 10-E. Date off, flan defect. Fine. Rare. .55

1881 Another Good. .50

2108 1787. ~~C. 9-R~~, and 10 E V. Fa. to G. 3 pcs. .11

STACK'S SALE JUNE 27, 1975

34 1787 Connecticut. ~~A group of 4, two of which are quite rare.~~ Miller 10-E (R.5), ~~Miller 26-A-L (R.5), Miller 26-AA (R.3), and Miller 32.2-X.1 (common).~~ The first has a very interesting planchet defect (not a damage) that goes right through the coin which shows what impure copper the Colonists had at their disposal. Average Good. 4 pieces.

32.50

DICK AUGUST LIST, DEC, 1981

45. 1787 Mailed Bust Left, VF, ICE, rarity 7 225-

SEE
COIN GALLERIES: PICKER REF. COLL. JULY 22, 1992 LOT# 2639 AT $110.00
ROSA AMERICANA FPL# & SPRING, 1993

74 1787 Connecticut, Miller 10-E. Low Ranty-6 154.8 grains Very Good, some details more of the Fine level, others weaker, as struck. Weakly struck at the left-hand side, with AUCTORI and INDE extremely faint. CONNEC and LIB are fully legible, though the date is indistinct. Glossy medium brown planchet, with some mottled areas of darker color on either side. An extremely difficult variety to locate in any grade, this is the first one that we've ever been able to offer on a price list (though we have sold a couple privately to our want list customers). Indeed, we haven't been able to locate the variety on any other dealer's price lists for the last two or three years (one offering was actually a misattributed 11-1-E). A coin that should excite the Connecticut specialist to no end, especially since this is a very acceptable example of a legitimately tough variety. $199

The reverse die is rotated about 80 degrees in relation to the obverse. This variety is usually found with the reverse rotated (though usually at 270 or 330 degrees), indicating that whatever mechanical device was used to secure the die in place was not working very efficiently.

10-E

BOWER'S 1991 A.N.A. SALE AUG 14, 1991

1787 Connecticut Copper

Miller 10-E EX. EAC '75

Technical Condition Census LOT # 93

852.50 TO ROB RETZ

54 1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 10-E. EF-40, technical grade, technical Condition Census. 116.5 grains. Rarity-6-. Overall appearance of VF-20, or so, obverse somewhat softly struck and reverse off center toward the lower right. Obverse die broken through tops of UCTORI, about equivalent to Taylor:2416, but with break from top of wreath to C; reverse die perfect. Smallest flan and lowest weight recorded by the present writer (27.8 x 27.8mm) for this variety. In terms of technical grade, finer than Taylor:2416, 2417; Norweb:2501; both ANS specimens. Equivalent to Garrett:1355, but lacking that coin's eye appeal. Here is an important opportunity for the advanced collector of the Connecticut series to acquire a Condition Census specimen of a scarce variety.

Ex Pine Tree EAC (2/1975):95; to Ragin's/ANA (8/1977):50. AT 185.00

BOWERS 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

770.00 BOOK

331 1787 Connecticut copper. M 10-E. Mailed Bust Left. VF-20. Low Rarity-6. 134.7 grains. Die alignment: 90°. A visually appealing example of this rare and desirable variety, visually finer and sharper overall than Taylor:2416. Obverse die breaks more advanced than the Taylor specimen, also more advanced than the Pine Tree/EAC specimen. Obverse die break extends through AUCTORI at the top, continuing in an arc above the effigy's head, terminating at the first C in CONNEC. Glossy deep tan surfaces with some planchet fissures, as struck, noted for accuracy, as is a faint, barely noticeable obverse scratch. All things considered, a most pleasing example of this desirable issue.

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

SCARACE M.10-E

235-250-275.00

276 1787 CONNECTICUT M.10-E MBL (Low R-6) F12 130.5 gns. The obverse possibly meriting Strong Fine, the reverse typically weaker struck from shallow dies. Both sides with mild porosity but still reflective with a pleasing light brown color. Obverse off center right with CONNEC starting to slide off, reverse further off center high and to left. INDE ET partial. Die states about as Taylor 2416 with the obverse break through the top of UCTOR reaching to I. A suprisingly difficult variety for most collectors to acquire, the surviving population is concentrated in the Pacific Northwest. ROB RETZ COLLECTION

ROSA AMERICANA LTD. (J. ROCK) FPL # 9 SUMMER, 1994

130 1787 Connecticut, Miller 10-E. Low Rarity-6. 118.9 grains. Fine, some details nearly a grade higher, others much weaker as struck. Quite weak at the left hand side of the obverse and the corresponding area of the reverse, with the legends AUCT and IND weak, as is the date; otherwise sharp. The striking weakness is completely typical for the variety, as illustrated by the specimen on our last price list. Medium brown, matte-like surfaces, free of any damage or defect. A legitimately tough variety to find in any grade [unless you happen to live in the Pacific Northwest and are trying to corner the market on the variety], the one we offered on our last list was the first to be offered at fixed price by a dealer in the last two or three years and received several orders. If you need the variety—and chances are that you do—call soon to avoid disappointment, as it'll be awhile before another is offered!.....$159

The reverse die is rotated 90 degrees in relation to the obverse; this variety is usually seen with a rotated reverse, but usually of either 270 or 320 degrees.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

975 1787 M.10-E. MBL. Low Rarity 6. Strong Fine/Very Good. 185.8 gns., the third heaviest Connecticut copper we have recorded (Garrett:1346 is still the heaviest). Light brown and tan. Surfaces granular. Not a rare variety but exceptional for its weight. Die states as Taylor:2416. EX. R. MARTIN

80/350-385.00

1787 M.10-E Very Good. Smooth medium brown. Exceptionally thick and heavy flan. Weight 186 Grains. R. VLACK 5/80 - R. MARTIN 11/88 - M. RINGO

McCawley & Grellman C4 Sale "Griffee" Oct 21, 1995

M. 10-E

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270-
297 00

137. M20 1787 CONNECTICUT M.10-E MBL (Low R-6) F12 123.9 gns. The obverse a bit stronger (and nicer) than the reverse. Two tone contrasting dark and medium chocolate brown. Both sides porous but the reverse also has some areas that can more properly be called pitting. Obverse flaw below the first C in the legend. The reverse has some scattered small flaws and also a couple of scratches, the most significant being a small one above Seated Liberty's waist. A circular clip at 11:00 obverse. Reverse rotated 85 degrees.

McCawley & Grellman 3rd C4 Sale Nov 8, 1997

140-
170-
187-

170. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.10-E MBL (High R-5) VG10 130.0 gns. Dark olive, some points lighter. Some scattered light porosity, rougher at the obverse lower left, a region where the die is starting to fail. Flawed at second N of CONNEC. The E reverse was well worn by the time it was coupled with obverse 10 and it always appears weaker than the obverse. Date and INDE faint and partial. *For a more complete discussion of this variety and its census see our comments under lot 208 of our 10/96 Barnes sale.*

McCawley & Grellman "C4 Barnes" Oct 12, 1996

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700-
770 00

NEIL ROTHSCHILD

208. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.10-E MBL (High R-5) VF30 128.4 gns. Unusually nice for this scarce variety. Very dark olive brown but with most raised portions subtly lighter. Struck slightly off center on the obverse to the right, the reverse to the left, but only the E of ET is partially off the flan as a result. Actually it is a well centered example for this variety and as a result the date is fully on the planchet (unusual) and among the boldest known for this variety. The E reverse was well worn by the time it was coupled with obverse 10 and it always appears weaker than the obverse. The Uncirculated Breen plate coin #777 (Ex Lester Merkin Auction, 9/1/74 lot 244) is the finest known, and clearly shows the poor condition of the reverse die. This coins states are about as Taylor 2416 with the obverse break through the top of UCTOR reaching to I. A large circular clip runs from 9:30 to 11:30 as viewed from the obverse just nipping the final I in AUCTORI, free of the legends on the reverse. The surfaces are actually fairly glossy and for the most part smooth, much of what manifests as minor roughness is in fact a property of the dies, for example the vertical seeming crack in front of the obverse face and corresponding unevenness in that area eventually leads to failure (see Stack's 9/9/87 Sale lot 190 for a plate of a nice VF late die state example). Nice examples of M.10-E for the most part have been lacking from auctions for years. In addition to the two coins mentioned above Garrett "1355 was a lovely EF and certainly among the finest known. Hessberg had the weaker Hall VF, and the 1991 A.N.A. Sale had the EAC '75 coin, called "Technical EF, appearance of VF20." This coin in all likelihood falls short of the Condition Census as several EF's exist in private collections (the Miller coin is still in the Ford Primary Collection) and museum holdings, but just try to find one nicer

Rosa Americana Ltd "Epl#14 Summer, 1999

148. 1787 Connecticut Copper. Miller 10-E, another (!). 118.3 grains. Fine or so, with an extremely erratic strike that is far more typical of this variety. The lower left obverse is weak, resulting in a loss of AUCT, and NDE and the B of LIB are weak on the reverse, as is the date. Other than those areas of weakness, the piece is surprisingly strong, showing the two tiny stars after AUCTORI and before CONNEC and full eye detail on the obverse bust. Dark brown, slightly dull surfaces; the obverse with some light roughness in the weakly struck area, as expected, and the reverse with some microscopic diagonal striations that are of no real importance. While not nearly in the same league as the above coin, this one is still a most acceptable example of a legitimately rare variety, and is certainly affordable at this price level. $199

We don't recall EVER seeing two examples of this rarity on one price list before – and this should not be taken as any sort of indicator that the variety is readily available, indeed, one California specialist in the series who has over 250 varieties was only able to acquire a lower grade specimen in the last three years – after spending over a quarter century pursuing the series! Struck on a much thinner planchet than the above coin, presenting an interesting variance in weight ranges for such a rare variety.

10-E

1787 M.10-E WHT 182.8 GRAINS VERY FINE/VERY GOOD
DAVID MENCHELL COLLECTION
EX STACK'S SALE MARCH 22,1994 LOT#142 (PLATE)

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

THE VERY RARE MILLER 10-E

115 1787 Connecticut. Miller 10-E. Low Rarity-6. 138.0 grains. Very Fine, but with the typical erratic strike associated with the variety, causing some details to be weaker in appearance. The obverse has full legends, the tops of a few letters a bit faint. There is an area of striking weakness at the chin of the effigy, though there is significant hair, facial and drapery detail. The reverse also has full legends, with some letters a bit weaker than their neighbors; as usual the date is off the planchet. Attractive hard chocolate brown surfaces, a few light striations in the weakly struck areas and a small planchet flaw at the first C of CONNEC, else quite clean for a variety that is often found on wretched planchet stock. An extremely difficult variety to locate in any grade, it seems that a large percentage of the population have decided to move to the Pacific Northwest and don't want to play with any other collectors. The variety is on a score of want lists, but only one person can own this piece — first caller gets it at just.....$299

We note that an advanced collector of Connecticut coppers, who owns several R-8 and numerous R-7 varieties was only recently able to pick up a lowgrade example of Miller 10-E for his collection!

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

The Rare and Popular Miller 10-E
One of the Few NOT in the Pacific Northwest!

179. 1787 Connecticut. Miller 10-E. Low Rarity-6. 144.6 grains. Fine or so, with a very erratic strike as is almost always found on the variety. This one has partial legends on either side, the date is completely off the planchet, as centered. Good design detail where fully struck up. Slightly glossy medium golden brown surfaces, the reverse with one large flaw at the lower left rim. No major post-striking damage. A very difficult variety to find in any condition, and one that is always in demand. A very large portion of the entire population of this variety has migrated to the Pacific Northwest and they just don't want to come out and play with other collectors. We have a large number of want lists that contain this variety, and prices for even lower grade specimens have usually been in the $200-300 range. We were able to purchase this one at a very advantageous price, and can pass the savings along – this is by far the least expensive example of this rarity that we have ever seen!.....$179

This obverse die appears to have failed quite rapidly and dramatically, accounting for the rarity of the variety today; the die was used in no other combination, an instance where the coiners probably experienced a net loss, since the cost of the die steel and engraving time was probably greater than the profit on the few pieces that were actually coined!

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL # 14 SUMMER 1999

10-E

AN INCREDIBLE MILLER 10-E

One of the Finest Known Examples of a Very Rare Variety

From The Rob Retz Collection

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147. 1787 Connecticut Copper. Miller 10-E. Low Rarity-6. 174.4 grains. Choice Extremely Fine, and amazingly well struck for an issue that is notorious for erratic strikes. This one has the EC of CONNEC weak but mostly visible, and the very tops of INDE ET off the planchet due to centering, but the rest of the legends are razor-sharp, including the two extremely small stars in the obverse legend after AUCTORI and before CONNEC. The central design details are amazingly strong, the obverse showing a full face and all of the intricate mailing design on the bust and most of the individual hair strands and leafs on the wreath. The reverse, which used a worn die, is still quite strong, with a full sheaf of wheat in the seated figure's hand, good design detail on her dress and with full globe lines; the shield on this reverse is blank. Gorgeous medium brown surfaces that are hard and quite glossy, with some mottled darker shades, extremely attractive. The obverse is essentially perfect for the grade, while the reverse has two very thin hairline striations, otherwise quite choice. An EXCEPTIONAL example of this issue, one of the finest known, and firmly lodged in the middle of the Condition Census for the variety. Indeed, we have only seen one example that is distinctly nicer – the incredible Uncirculated specimen that was essentially buried in a non-colonial sale and which is now part of one of the largest collections of colonial coins ever formed. After that, the census drops down to a number of Choice EF examples at the next level, including this coin, the ANS specimen, the Miller coin still in the John J. Ford, Jr. collection, the Crosby-Garrett piece, the example in Herbert I. Melnick's "Hoffman collection" sale which was a tab double strike, and now in one of the most notable collections of this coinage, and the piece still in the Rob Retz collection. After that, the census drops to include a couple of VF pieces, including the Hessberg coin, the one in Stack's June, 1995 sale, and the better of the four specimens in the collection of The Colonial Newsletter Foundation (which is double struck; the Foundation also has a Fine, a Good and one labeled simply "dog."). Taylor's was a nice F/VF (though harshly undergraded as a VG in that sale), and the Picker Reference Collection coin was a corroded VG. The variety rarely appears for sale in any grade, and is quite avidly pursued when it is offered. A solid EF coin hasn't been publicly offered for sale in at least two decades, and most collectors that have the variety – and there are many who don't! – have had to settle for one in the Good-Fine range, usually with planchet defects and little eye appeal. Here is a coin that should excite the colonial specialist to no end – a High Condition Census example of a very rare variety and with exceptional eye appeal to boot! A chance that will not be repeated at anytime soon.....$1699

This obverse die appears to have foiled quite rapidly and dramatically, accounting for the rarity of the variety today; the die was used in no other combination, an instance where the coiners probably experienced o net loss, since the cost of the die steel and engraving time was probably greater than the profit on the few pieces that were actually coined! We thank Rob Retz, the former owner of this specimen, for his help in fleshing out the Condition Census information presented above. This one is struck on an unusually heavy, thick planchet – compare its weight with the one in the following lot!

10-E

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

11.1-E

GROUP II

New Hub, Leaves in Triplets with Paired Berries, Wheat Ear Reversal, Large Letters, Small Dates Possibly Finest Known

89 1787. M. 11.1–E. High R–2, possibly R–3. Obv. four blunt stars, no colons; legend close except NNE which are widely spaced. Rev. 6 blunt stars, no colons. **Better than VF, probably fully EF or even a higher grade but weakly struck; light olive, some of it faded from mint red or mint lustre around letters,** several small green stains. Far above that in the Merkin sale or the Appleton–MHS (1970, lot 133) piece, "VF"; no comparable example auctioned to our knowledge. **Finest we have seen.** Ex Stepney Hoard, via the Bowers Aug. 1972 list, well into three figures. **(Photo)** **($200.–up)**

$250 EAC'75

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PINE TREE FEB 15, 1975 EAC'75 SALE

342* 1787. Group II. "Triplet Leaves" Head, Wheat Ear Revs. Large letters, small dates. M. 11.1–E. High R–2. **Some details on rev. nearly Fine, remainder VG or weaker,** tops of IB and base of date off flan, AUCTO not legible. Dark green fields, lighter steel devices. Ex Alan Kessler. **(Photo)** **($50.–up)**

*Bids accepted by mail only

45 EAC'75

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1987)

2. Triplet Head; Large Letters, Small Dates

775 1787 Blunt stars in legends. 3 vars. M. 11.1-E, 11.2-K, 11.3-K. Device punch has triple leaves and paired berries in wreath; worn specimens may not show berries. First obv. reappears in 866–68; second var. is Crosby, Pl. V, 14; third is exceedingly rare, and always shows a break at (C)O.

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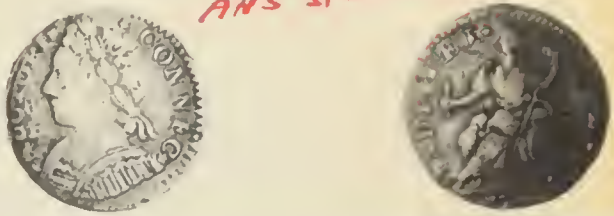


ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.11.1-E
VERY FINE, CLEANED

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

$302.50 RELATIVELY SMOOTH DARK BROWN TAYLOR OK

2419 1787 Connecticut. M 11.1-E. Mailed Bust Left. 137.6 grains. R-2. **Sharpness of VF-30.** Dark brown with lighter areas. Smooth, nonporous surfaces. Obverse quite sharply struck at the top, slightly off center to the bottom, and consequently somewhat weakly struck there. Reverse overall a little less sharp than the grade but all letters and dates are plain. Possibly a Condition Census example.

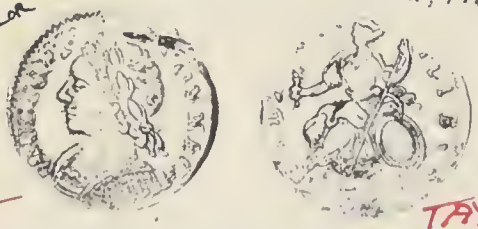
McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C H GRIFFEN" OCT 21, 1995

38 45 49.50

277 1787 CONNECTICUT COPPER M.11.1-E (R-2) VG10 136.9 gns. An attractive mixture of medium and light brown. Some minor scratches and a tiny flan flaw at the bust. CONNEC weak but full. Quite smooth and glossy for the grade.

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

ABT XF GREAT COLOR



$330 TAYLOR

2418 1787 Connecticut. M 11.1-E. Mailed Bust Left. 146.0 grains. R-2. **Sharpness of VF-30.** Light golden brown surfaces, striations above effigy's head on obverse. Double struck, creating a "double dated" reverse. Plainly an accident and not one of the deliberately created MOS varieties.

KINGSWOOD 'DARTMOUTH SALE' FEB 20, 1991

110.00

6568 1787 Connecticut copper M.11.1-E. Rarity 2. 136.8 grains. F-15. obverse struck slightly off center toward the upper left. Light golden brown, verging on olive on both sides.

STACK'S MASS. HIST. SOC. OCT 23, 1970

'MHS'

133 1787 Miller 11.1-E. Mailed bust left. Very Fine. Very well struck and centered on a somewhat flaky but very thick planchet (169½ gr.). Not a rare coin but rarely found so well struck and in such nice shape. A few very minor nm nicks but over-all an excellent coin. Medium brown. **PLATE** $75

11.1-E

STACK'S APRIL 27, 1988

36 1787 Mailed Bust Left. Miller 11.1-E. A small planchet flake beneath the last C in CONNEC. Very attractive iridescent medium brown. Very Fine. $242 — MOTTLED COLORS

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MARCH 25, 1988

2509 1787 Connecticut. M 11.1-E. VF-30. Rarity-2. 139.2 grains. 28.1mm. 180°. Sharpness of VF-35 to EF-40 in places. Weak color, now appearing a copper orange with some darker areas. Sharper than Taylor: 2418 and 2419, from about the same die states. *Purchased circa 1913-1915.* STRONG NEEDS RETONING. NORWEB $209

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

1380 1787 Miller 11.1-E. 122 grains. Mailed bust left, large head, moderately rotated reverse. Some porosity, deep brown. Fine. DARK, POROSITY REV. SCRATCHES 38

SEE PHOTO

H.I.M. INC. "L. GOODMAN JULY 30, 1982

605 1787. Connecticut. M.11.1-E. VF. R. MARTIN

NICE Very nice planchet without defects, sharper than the Pine Tree EAC specimen, deep reddish patination at lower left obverse $147

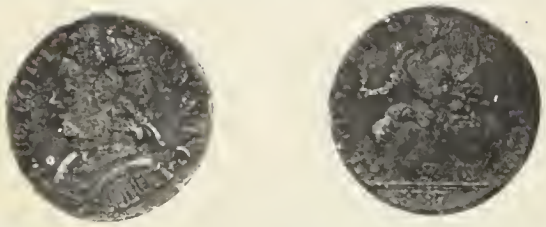
D. LINETT (SAN DIEGO SHOW) OCT 14-15, 1988

1248 1787 CONNECTICUT LOT of EIGHT, ~~Includes: (2) M.4.1 (Homed Bust) (Fine & VG) - M 11-E (G) - M 16.6-NN.2 R.7! (VG) - M 30 hh.2 (F) - M 32.3 X.4 (G) - M 33.6 kk (F) & M 33.17 r.1 (VG). Sold "as is" as a lot, no return.~~ (8 coins).....(150-250)

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

2637 Pair of 1787 Triple Leaves MBL coppers. ~~M 9-D. R-5. 134.5 gns. Poor Fine, dies axially misaligned. Golden brown. Granular;~~ M 11.1-E. R-2. 134.8 gns. Overall Fine. Dark brown and granular. Softly struck. Both from the perfect states of their dies. 2 pieces. 49

STACK'S "D. SPENCE SALE MARCH 15, 1975



Lot No. 727

727 1787 Miller 11.1-E. Mailed bust left. Rarity 2. A very sharply struck coin, almost perfectly centered. No weakness or die flaws, but there is a scratch through the hair of the reverse figure. Only light even wear. Very difficult to find so nice. Deep olive. Extremely Fine.

SAN DIEGO SHOW (ANA SALE) MAR 3, 1990

Condition Census 1787 Miller 11.1-E Cent

D. LINNETT EX. OECHSNER SALE LOT 1074 SEPT 9, 1988

Lot No. 1074

EX. "OECHSNER SEPT 9, 1988

VF SOME VERDIGRIS ON PERIPHERY.

OECHSNER

$799.50

2400 1787 Cent, Miller 11.1-E, Breen-775, Mailed Bust Left, ANACS Certified-Extremely Fine. A wonderful specimen having lots of lustre on the surfaces, most notably by the outer peripheries and the legends. Very sharp strike for this variety, having a full clean date and above average hard surfaces. The color is a pleasing medium brown with some mahogany undertones. Certainly higher on the condition census scale and a premium quality Extremely Fine specimen. Far superior to the Taylor coin in VF 30. .....(650-900)

1074 1787 Miller 11.1-E. Mailed bust left. 135.8 grains. Very Fine in terms of wear. Some edge damage at the top obverse, and corrosion removed from the cheek. Full legends and date. Medium reddish brown toning with some darker patination. $121

PINE TREE "GENA '76 SALE" OCT 1, 1976

14 1787. M. 11.1-E (high R-2). Fine. Uniform dark brown patina and slightly granular; none of the usual planchet flaws. Refer to 1975 E.A.C. lots 89 (VF-EF and possibly Finest Known at $250) and 342. 20

221 1787 Mailed Bust Left. M. 11.1-E (high R-2). Fine. Uniform dark brown patina and slightly granular; none of the usual planchet flaws. Refer to 1975 E.A.C. lots 89 (VF-EF and possibly Finest Known at $250) and 342. ($40-50)

PINE TREE "GREEN III JUNE 19, 1978 21.00

BOWER'S "SPRINGFIELD COLL' DEC 15-16, 1981

5007 ~~Group of Connecticuts: (1) 1785 MBR M.1.1 C (R.4). Sharpness of VG-Fine, but a few deep planchet defects; (2) 1786 MBL. M.5.4.N (R.6). Fine, but dark and porous; (3) 1786 MBL. M.5.5.M (R.3). Good;~~ (4) 1787 MBL M.11.1-E. VG; ~~(5) 1787 DBL. M.33.15 r.1. Fine, cleaned; (6) 1787 DBL. M.33.36 T.2. Fine-VF, granular, but very attractive.~~ (Total: 6 pieces) 95

SUPERIOR 'AUGUST SALE' AUG 8-10, 1983

1696 1787 M11.1-E, Very Good 8; ~~Together with: 1787 Laughing head variety, M6.1-M. Very Good 8.~~ Lot of 2 coins $40

PINE TREE "FUN '77" JAN 8, 1977

48 1787. Mailed Bust Left. M.11.1-E. (High R-2). Rev. details nearly Fine, remainder VF or weaker. Dark green fields, lighter steel devices

COIN GALLERIES SALE, MAY 25, 1988

1541 — 1787 Miller 11.1-E (R-2). Very Good. Deep brown with full legends and date. Pinscratched on both sides, the obverse in geometrical lobes. 55

COIN GALLERIES SALE 'AUG 20, 1990

1349 1787 M.11.1-E (High R-2). Very Good, some details fully Fine; deep brown, full date and legends. Circular pinscratch on each side, and geometric lobes scratched within the obverse one. 11

$55 SPINK & SON "CARNEGIE MUSEUM" MARCH 24, 1983

41 Connecticut 1787 Copper, mailed bust left (Miller 11-E). Rarity 2. Very good. PAIR

11.1-E

COIN GALLERIES SALE' NOV 15, 1979 1787 M.11.1-E, (R-2). Mailed Bust Left, Fine or better. Lot of 2 pieces. (OTHER PIECE 9-R NOT GOOD)

BOWER'S RCR #12 SEPT, 1971

1787 Mailed bust left. 11.1-E (R-2). Good $9.00; VG $19.00; Extremely Fine 129.00

BOWER'S RCR #14 APRIL, 1972

RCR #15 AUG, 1972

1787 Mailed bust left. 11.1-E (R-2). Good $9.00; Very Good $19.00; Extremely Fine 129.00

1787 Mailed bust left. 11.1-E, (R-2). : Fine
.... RARE COIN REVIEW #7. SEPT, 1979 ..... 23.00

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #3, 1990

CHOICE 1787 MILLER 11.1-E
THE DR. HALL COIN

INIL ON EDGE

40. **1787. Miller 11.1-E, Breen 775. Rarity-2. Triplet Head, large letters, small date, blunt stars. 149.8 grains, 28.5mm. Very Fine. Full legends and date. Deep chocolate brown surfaces on both sides; a few small, thin obverse scratches are blended in quite well, and are hardly noticeable. Two small clips at K-4 and K-7, though neither does more than touch the denticles. PDV on edge, in Dr. Hall's script; the first of a half-dozen or so Dr. Hall Connecticut's presented in this offering. Possibly a Condition Census example; at worst, close to the tail end of that listing.....$279**

This coin boasts an illustrious pedigree: Dr. Thomas Hall, Virgil Brand, New Netherlands Coin Co., private collector [1952]. It has remained off the market for 38 years.

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #6, 1992

30 1787 Connecticut, Miller 11.1-E Rarity-2 124.9 grains Nearly Very Fine, there is a large ragged planchet clip at K-1 on the obverse, which affects just the tops of IB on the reverse, the rest of the legends and date are sharp A few minor handling marks on either side, none serious A neat example of the variety $79

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION), 1989

11.1-E	1787		R2+	
11.1-E	1787	VF/VF	R2+	Nice overall
11.1-E	1787		R2+	
11.1-E	1787		R2+	
11.1-E	1787		R2+	
11.1-E	1787		R2+	
11.1-E	1787	VG/VG	R2	[illegible]
11.1-E	1787	G/G	R2	[illegible]
11.1-E	1787	"Dog"		Holed. Verdigris both

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
11.1-E 6389 (3) NOT GOOD
6338 (8) VERY GOOD

C.V. McCAWLEY LIST #19 OCT/NOV, 1988
1787 CONNECTICUT M.11.1-E VF30 MAILED BUST LEFT $ 250.00
Glossy tan. A tiny clip K11, light plan striations rev 19.
Excellent eye appeal for this type.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985 (BREEN PLATE) #775

37) 1787 M.11.1-E Very Fine-25. Relatively smooth light reddish tan. Struck slightly off center affecting tops of "AUCTORI" on obverse and bottom of "87" on reverse. — SEE BREEN PLATE #775

L. MERKIN SALE' OCT 31, 1972
157 — 1787 Miller 11.1-E, Rarity 2. VF. Well centered with full date. Unevenly struck.
38- Little wear, but rough surfaces.

NEW NETH. 'NUMISMA' AUG, 1984 VOL. I NO. 3
887 1787. Heod of '88: Wreoth with leoves in triplets. M. 11.1-E. V. Good or so. Unevenly struck. $2.75

R. HUGHES LIST, OCT, 1980
M-11.1-E (HI-R-2) Fine, granular surfaces 50.00

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976
52 1787 Mailed Bust Left M #11.1-E (R-2) FINE-12, dark and bent; ~~Mailed Bust Left M #11.2-K (R-4) GOOD-4, normal planchet drift~~s. (Lot of 2 pieces).
$22-

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988
LOT #1225
M.11.1-E. Good, pinscratches and porous;
1 OF 6 PIECES

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976
572 1787 Mailed Bust Left. 11.1-E (R-2). Die originally prepared as
20- AUCTORI, then the P was changed to an R by adding a small tail. Fine. Weakly struck at the right obverse and corresponding part of the reverse.

COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 22, 1989
050 — 1787 Miller 11.1-E (R-2). Good Porous, with numerous pinscratches;
1 OF 2 PIECES

11.1-E

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

5.50 1882 1787. Head 1. AUCTOPI. CONNEC. Rx. Rx. Liberty 1. INDE. ET. . LIB. very small date. Extremely fine. Rarity 3. C. 11-(1) E.

.16 2109 1787. C. 11 (1)-E. Parmelee Coll'n. G. 3 pcs.

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5384 1787 Connecticut copper. M11.1-E. Mailed Bust left. 135.1 grains. Rarity-2. F-12. Obverse rough, striated; reverse traces of old verdigris around Liberty's right arm. Miller attribution number painted in white on the obverse. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2418/9.

55 *Ex Hays; Ryder Collections. Ticket and envelope accompany this lot. Called "Good" by Hays, "Fine" by Ryder.*

The edge of this variety appears much more "squared off" than seen on most Connecticut coppers, or, for that matter, on most early American state coppers.

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5385 1787 Connecticut copper. M11.1-E. Mailed Bust left. 137.5 grains. Rarity-2. G-6. Dark, pitted, dented in the center of the obverse. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2418/9. A second example of this combination, which shares an obverse with 1788 M.7.

33 *Henry Chapman stock envelope accompanies this lot, notated "Not in Crosby."* TO R. MARTIN

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

#5672 ☆ M 11.1-E. Rarity-2. F-15, edges rough as made. Obverse small lamination on third star. Off center, as often found. 142.1 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2418/9

330 *The second ex Harmer Rooke/Million Dollar Sale (5/70):6123.*

1 OF 6 PIECES

BOWER'S 'C. SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

#5671 ☆ M 11.1-E. Rarity-2. F-15, soft on right obverse periphery. 151.8 grains. Obverse off center, as usual. States equivalent to Taylor:2428/9

357 1 OF 9 PIECES

STACK'S 'PICKER SALE' MAY 1, 1991

80-80 Lot No. 147 7-10% SHIFT

147 **1787 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 11.1-E. 155 grains. Boldly double struck example with AUCTORI doubled high, CO on CONNEC repeated on head. Reverse shows doubled Liberty, shield, branch and date. Steely tan, normal wear for grade. Bold Fine.

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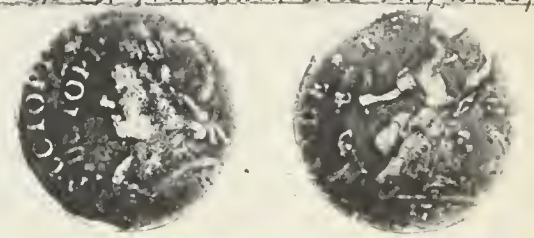
MID-AMERICA 1991 G.N.A. SALE MAY 24-25, 1991



SEE COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 18, 1990

8. 1787 Connecticut Cent. Fine. Miller 11.1-E. Mailed Bust Left. Double struck on both the obverse and the reverse. Two sets of legends can be plainly seen. Dark brown with slightly lighter highlights. Quite rare and always in demand.

SEE STACK'S FIXED LIST DEC, 1989

MIKE RINGO LIST, MAY, 1985

6. 1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.11.1-E. Good, obverse planchet defect. The piece is slightly double struck on both sides..... 20.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #7 MAY, 1982

9. 1787 Connecticut, Miller 11.1-E, Mailed Bust Left, Good-Very Good, R-2. Decent for the grade. $30

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988

27 ~~1787 Miller 1.1-A. 1787 Mailed Bust Left.~~ Miller 11.1-E. Excellent surfaces. ~~Fine~~, the latter nearly Very Fine. 2 pieces.

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PINE TREE 'E. MORTON SALE' OCT 18, 1975

542 1787. Mailed Bust Left. ~~M.4-1. (R-1); famous "Horned Bust," so named for the crescent shaped die break behind throat. Fine, unevenly struck, uniform dark brown with no noticeable planchet defects or granularity.~~ M.11.1-E (high R-2); some details Fine, most VG; patinated a uniform dark brown. (Compare with lots 71, 72 and 89, our 1-A C sale.) 2 pcs. ($200.-250.)

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PINE TREE 'E. MORTON SALE' OCT 18, 1975

543 1787. Mailed Bust Left. M.11.1-E (high R-2); Fine plus, uneven strike, surfaces with uniform porosity. ~~M.14-H (R-4); some details Fine, other weaker, planchet lamination defects as made. M.15-1 (R-4). (Crosby 1 known). Very Good, weak, uneven strike, full patina, some obv. putting in back of head. (Compare lots 87, 97 and 97A, our 1-A C sale lots 87, 97 and 97A, 98 and 98A) respectively.~~ 3 pcs. ($250.-300.)

65-

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST 1979?

1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.11.1-E, (R-2). Dies probably cut by Benjamin Buell, with equipment left him by his father Abel, after the elder Buell left for Europe. Very Fine, evenly struck and well centered, with nice dark brown surfaces. An excellent type piece, much harder to locate than the Draped Bust design of this date.....75.00

11.1-E

BOWER'S "SEBRING & GARBE SALE" MARCH 21, 1996

1084 Selection of Connecticut coppers: ☆ ~~1787 M 4-L. Mailed Bust Left. Horned Bust variety. VF for sharpness, but cleaned and dished. 146.2 grains. Rarity-1~~ ☆ 1787 M 11.1-E. Mailed Bust Left. Good. 135.2 grains. Rarity-2. Reverse edge bruise ☆ ~~1787 M 32.2-X.1. Draped Bust Left. Good. 115.9 grains. Rarity-2. Damage at obverse bust and in reverse field ☆ 1787 M 33.7-1.2. Draped Bust Left. Choice Fine. 153.2 grains. Rarity-1. A few natural flan flaws ☆ 1787 M 44 W.4. Draped Bust Left. Fine for sharpness, but bent and uniformly porous. 135.3 grains. Rarity-4 ☆ 1788 M 9-E. Mailed Bust Left. VG, lightly porous with natural flan flaws. 110.7 grains. Rarity-5.~~ (Total: 6 pieces)

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BIENNIAL PAIRINGS OF CONNECTICUT OBVERSES E.BRANSLEY.

Obverse 11.1 of 1787

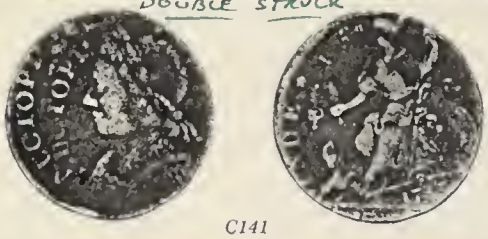
also known as

Obverse 7 of 1788

This die was used with reverse E of 1787, and was also paired with three different 1788 reverses:, namely, E, F.2, and K. Their striking order, however, has not been determined. The effigy of this die is interesting because of the unusually coarse, wig-like, curled hair on a head laureated with four sets of triplet leaves. The hub which sank this distinctive design was used over and over again to duplicate a series of at least eighteen slightly different "Mailed Bust Facing Left" obverses. Those paired with 1787 reverses are: 2, 5, 9, 10, 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 12, 14, and 15. Those paired with 1788 reverses are 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.1, 12.2, and 13.

STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST DEC, 1989

DOUBLE STRUCK

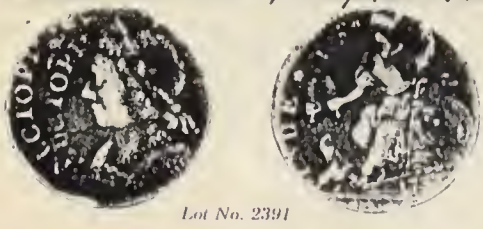


C141

Stock # *Price*

C141 1787 Miller 11.1-E. 162.7 grains. "Double struck," two AUCTOPI's, two branches, two shields, parts of two dates. There is a small planchet defect by the bust tip. Dark and slightly granular fields, contrasting devices. Fine or so. 275.00

COIN GALLERIES SALE, JULY 18, 1990



Lot No. 2391

2391 1787 Miller 11.1-E. Double struck, two AUCTOPI's, two branches, two shields, parts of two dates. There is a small planchet defect by the bust tip. Dark and slightly granular fields, contrasting devices. Fine or so.

247.50

DICK AUGUST LIST, MARCH, 1980

Ex 1787 Mailed Bust

N. PETERS LIST, OCT, 1981

1787 11-E JUST GOOD 10.00

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

1173 1787 Connecticut copper. M 11.1-E. Mailed Bust Left. 149.9 grains. Rarity-2. VG-8 to F-12. Deep golden brown. Obverse scratched. Planchet clipped, most noticeable at 1:00 on the reverse. Otherwise, well centered. TOO DARK

Ex S.H. & H. Chapman's sale of July 7, 1904, Lot 375, to Ryder. Ryder's ticket and envelope accompany this lot. Called "Good" by Ryder.

The obverse die used to coin this piece is the same as 1788 Miller-7.

$44

1174 1787 Connecticut copper. M 11.1-E. Mailed Bust Left. 131.5 grains. Rarity-2. VG-8. Unusual iridescent purple and blue. Minor planchet clip at the top of the reverse. A second example of this variety. Die states equivalent to Taylor.2419.

Ex Ryder Collection. Henry Chapman stock envelope, with Ryder's annotations, accompanies this lot.

$88

D. LINETT MAIL BID SALE #2 AUG, 1985

233. As above. Miller 11-E. (R-3). About Good. $20

D. LINETT MAIL BID SALE #2 AUG, 1985

234. As above. Miller 11-E. (R-3). Extremely Fine. Deep blackish-brown. Sharply struck on a full, round planchet with complete legends and a bold date. Overlooking a scrape on the hairbun, the surfaces are flawless. Much finer than 1975 E.A.C.:89 and one of the two or three finest known. $475

11.1-E

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2125 90 - 90 - 99 00 **1787 M.11.1-E. MBL. About Very Fine.** Rarity 2. 137.8 grains. Even brown. Surfaces pitted in places, left obverse field smoothed, obverse rim flaw at 3 o'clock. Reverse slightly off-center, to left. Technically close to the Condition Census for the variety. The majority seen are in Fine or lower grades. Dies appear to be perfect.

Ex Coin Galleries May 1983 Mail Bid Sale, part of lot 1367.

2125

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 23, 1992

2469 33 00 **1787 M 11.1-E.** Mailed Bust Left. R-2. 139.2 gns. Fine. Dark olive brown. Both surfaces granular. Obverse slightly of center, toward the bottom, as often seen (Taylor:2419, for example). Small obverse nicks on chin and in hair. About average grade for this variety. Exact die states uncertain. VG ONLY OVERALL

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

110 - 110 - DARK & GRANULAR

Lot No. 97

97 121 00 **1787** Miller 11.1-E. 139.2 grains. Mailed bust left. This obverse shows 4 quatrefoil stops, NNE widely spaced in *CONNEC*. Reverse has six quatrefoils, legend spaced *INDE* ET* on left side, *LIB** alone on right. Dark brown, lightly granular, well detailed for the type. Strong Fine or a little better.

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2122 140 - 140 00 154 00 **1787 M.9-D. MBL.** Fine. Rarity 5. 114.1 grains. Gray-brown. Obverse granular, softly struck, reverse much sharper, as usual. Perfect die states; **1787 M.11.1-E. MBL.** Technical Fine. Rarity 2. 148.2 grains. Pale gray and golden brown. Very granular. Obverse edge flaw at 4 o'clock. Perfect die states; **1787 M.33.39-s.1. DBL.** 123.5 grains. Rarity 2. Reddish brown. Lightly granular. Rim nicks, obverse abrasions. Die states about as Taylor:2603. 3 pieces.

The first purchased from Robert Vlack in 1984, ex his second collection.

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6527 77 00 Trio of 1787 Connecticut copper issues. ☆ M 11.1-E. Mailed Bust Left. G-4. Rarity-2. 156.6 grains. Dark brown surfaces with several tiny edge marks noted for accuracy ☆ **M 22-g.2.** Draped Bust Left. AG-3, rough granular surfaces. **Low Rarity-6.** 117.7 grains. Struck on a slightly oval planchet ☆ **M 25-m.** Draped Bust Left. G-4, uniformly porous surfaces. **Rarity-6.** 128.8 grains. A porous but completely legible specimen of this very scarce issue. A notable opportunity for the Connecticut copper specialist to obtain these elusive varieties (Total: 3 pieces)

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6526 132 00 Trio of 1787 Connecticut coppers, each with Mailed Bust Left obverse design ☆ M 11.1-E. VG-8. Rarity-2. 130.3 grains. Broadly struck on a slightly oval planchet, with edge to top of first C in CONNEC on obverse and at top of IB on reverse. Design details lightly impressed to left of obverse and correspondingly on the reverse ☆ M 13-D. F-12, rough planchet surfaces. Rarity-4. 121.5 grains. Die alignment 250°. Usual comma-like obverse die break from rim to R in AUCTORI. Dies heavily clashed, with evidence seen in obverse fields, particularly before effigy's face. Glossy dark brown surfaces with areas of darker patina ☆ **M 14-H. F-12. Rarity-4.** 115.3 grains. **Pheons (arrows) at date,** the only issue in the entire Connecticut series with this feature. Lightly struck on the reverse, with bulges obscuring ET and the seated figure's head area to some extent. A scarce and popular issue (Total: 3 pieces)

1787 M.II.I-E Choice Very Fine(30-35). Well struck and centered. Smooth mottled red tan and brown surfaces. Possibly condition census. WHT. 145.5 GR.
Ex. H.I.M. Inc. Sale July 30,1982 lot#605. ROBERT MARTIN COLL.

1787 M.II.I-E Very Fine(20). Thin Flan; weight only 97.2 Grains. Smooth, glossy mottled brown and tan surfaces and color. ROBERT MARTIN COLL. MAY, 1973

R. MARTIN TO M. RINGO APRIL, 1985
1787 M.II.I-E Good. Severly defective flan. WHT. 140.4 GR.

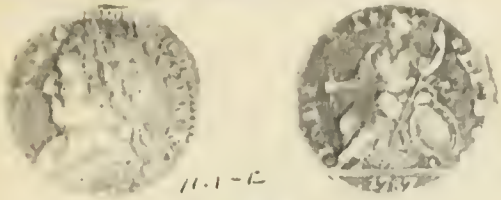
MIKE RINGO LIST AUG, 1990
12.1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.11.1-E, 138.9 grains. Fine, dark olive-brown planchet with two small defects at 11:00 on the obverse. Well centered, flatly though evenly struck, last two digits of date obscure. 75.00

MIKE RINGO LIST JAN, 1990
4. 1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.11.1-E. Fine, smooth tan planchet..... 75.00

11.1-E

HARMER ROOKE SALE MAY 27, 1970 1470

6123 Conn. 1787 Cent. IND E-1 LIB. VF. obv. slightly off-center. PLATE 11.1-E (110.00)



11.1-E

6123

BOWER'S AUCTION SALE JAN 7, 1993

1006 1787 Connecticut copper quintette: ☆ Miller 11.1-E. Mailed Bust Left. F-12. Rarity-2. 135.9 grains. Medium brown surfaces with a few planchet striations seen on each side. Some peripheral striking weakness, not unusual for this variety ☆ 1 OF 3 PIECES

236.50

SUPERIOR "CENTURY COL." FEB 2, 1992

11.1-E ?

405 1787. Connecticut Cent. Mailed Bust Left. *Double struck.* Very Good 8. Much of the obverse lettering shows doubling, while most of the date is present, with only the lower portion weak. An intriguing striking blunder.

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #8 SPRING, 1993

76 1787 Connecticut, Miller 11.1-E, another 114.8 grains. Fine to Very Fine, probably fully of the VF grade level, but a bit weakly impressed at the lefthand side of the coin, causing AUCT and INDE to be faint, the rest of the legends and the date are full and sharp, as are all of the design details expected of the grade. The surfaces are a very clean medium brown, with no damage or defect of note. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in Henry Miller's scrap, yet another one of the pieces from the large collection that we were able to purchase—this one with an additional pedigree back to one of the best collections ever formed, that of Bostonian Lonn Parmalee! This is a very appealing coin. $79

Part of Lot #2109 in the Miller collection, noted by Elder to be "ex Parmalee"

BOWER'S "GREENWALD & JACKSON SALE" SEPT 11-13, 1995

3111 1787 M 11.1-E. Mailed Bust Left. VF. Rarity-2. 139.7 grains. Slightly off center, affecting the tops of DE ET on the reverse. Mostly smooth olive surfaces with a touch of patina in the recessed areas. Some tiny marks are present, but still a nice coin.

120 120 132

STACK'S & BOYD - RYDER, JUNE 8, 1994

49 1787 M.2-B. MBL. ~~R-3. Very Good-Fine, some areas of about Very Fine sharpness. 144.1 gns. Olive brown, some light surface pitting. Hall attribution number painted on obverse;~~ **M.4-L. MBL.** ~~R-1. Choice Very Fine, a nice example in the perfect obverse state without "horn." 134.4 gns. Olive and golden brown on a slightly oval planchet;~~ **M.11.1-E. MBL.** R-2. Rough strong Fine, gray-brown. 144.4 gns. Slightly off center to the left. Hall attribution number painted on obverse 3 pieces. JIM GOUDGE

190 220 242

The last with annotated round card ticket with circle H. a Steigerwalt November, 1891.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "SCHOENTAG SALE" JAN 6, 1996

26. 1787 CONNECTICUT M 11.1-E R2 VG10, 145.4grains. A bit sharper with slightly rough surfaces. Still a fairly glossy chocolate with lighter steel brown highpoints. The date & legends are visible.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #9 SUMMER, 1994

131 1787 Connecticut, Miller 11.1-E. Rarity-2. 120.6 grains. Extremely Fine or so in terms of actual wear—and possibly a full grade higher than that! Well struck with full design details, legends and date. The planchet is a glossy lighter brown color—a situation almost never seen on this variety! O.K., you're waiting for the bad news, and here it is. The planchet is quite flawed, with a shallow depression at the obverse bust and some rolling flaws apparent on the reverse. There are also some tiny post-striking marks on either side. Now, here's the problem with written descriptions. No matter how hard we try to give you an idea of what a coin actually looks like, we really only have words to work with, and ones like "flawed" and "marks" immediately conjur up some bad mental images, which will not do the present piece justice. The sharpness, color, gloss and overall eye appeal of this coin are outstanding, and it would easily have been ranked towards the top of the Condition Census if it were on a perfect planchet—much like the specimen offered in Stack's March, 1994 sale. Still, the coin is quite attractive, and available at an even more attractive price—when was the last time you saw a high grade example of this variety or type for such a ridiculously low figure?.....$99

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

THE HILLYER RYDER EXAMPLE OF MILLER 11.1-E

128 1787 Connecticut, Miller 11.1-E. Rarity-2. 135.7 grains. Very Fine or so, some details deserving of a higher grade, others a bit weaker as struck. Generally quite sharp, with full legends and date and vivid design detail on either side; the very center of the obverse is a little weak due to some light planchet defects that were in that area before the coin was actually struck. Medium brown, somewhat glossy surfaces. There are some light striations on either side, though not nearly as severe as often found on the variety. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in the left obverse field as 11-1/E in white ink that has yellowed with age; this is the HILLYER RYDER coin, and is accompanied by his handmade paper coin envelope with written attribution and description, as well as a round cardboard ticket with the same information and the infamous "circle H" which means that this coins was probably from the famous DR. HALL collection as well. A very pleasing example of this variety that is common enough in lower grades but decidedly difficult in anything better than VF. With the Dr. Hall-Hillyer Ryder-F.C.C. Boyd-John Ford pedigree it will prove to be a coin the specialist will never want to replace!.....$119

This is the first of the Dr. Hall-Hillyer Ryder Connecticut's that we've seen with both a handmade envelope and a round cardboard lot ticket; this numismatic ephemera is a pnceless link to the very roots of our hobby.

11.1-E

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1984

1787 MILLER 11.1-E

High Condition Census

OK/NICE XF SOFT STRIKE.

275-
650-
715-

Lot No. 143

143 **1787 M.11.1-E. MBL.** R-2. **Choice Extremely Fine.** 151.2 gns. Very nice olive tan. Surfaces mostly smooth and hard, just patches of micro-granularity, short scrape under A. A little softer in the centers than the net grade. Well centered and on a flawless flan. **High Condition Census:** this specimen is nicer than every other we have seen save the Miller sale coin, which is sharper. There is a flatly struck EF which we have not seen. This piece is better centered and has no reverse flaws like EAC'75:89, there called "Finest" by Breen. It is superior to both Taylor VF's, the ANS VF, and the Ryder-Boyd primary coin (ex Low's 157th:346). We have records of 27 different 11.1-E's and this is nicer than all of them. It is surprising that this piece hasn't been pedigreed before now.

BOWERS & MERENA SALE "ELIASBERG COLL" MAY 20, 1996

1787 Miller 11.1-E Connecticut

High Condition Census

SEE ROSA AMERICANA FPL# 13 (1998) LOT # 180 AT $1,749

900-
950-
990

ELIASBERG

69 1787 Connecticut copper. Mailed Bust Left. M 11.1-E. Rarity-2. EF-45 to AU-50. High Condition Census.

Surfaces: Glossy steel gray. Tiny scratch past O of AUCTORI. A few planchet flaws are scarcely worthy of mention. Decently struck overall, but lacking detail (as usual) on the high points, especially on the reverse.

Narrative: A far above average example of the variety and type. The Norweb and Taylor coins were each VF.

Die state and characteristics: Small raised die flaw/mound beneath O of CONNEC.

Weight: 141.9 grains.

Diameter: About 28.7mm.

Distinctive style attributed by Walter Breen (*Encyclopedia*, p. 69) to Benjamin Buell, April 1789, backdated to 1787.

1787 M.11.1-E EXTREMELY FINE/ABT UNCIRCULATED ??
ANTHONY TERRANOVA COLLECTION

McCawley & Grellman 3rd C4 Sale Nov 8, 1997

11.1-E

145-
190-
209-

171. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.II.1-E MBL (R-2) FI5 141.6 gns. Very deep brown with fine granularity but appearing smooth and reflective. Some obverse detail of a higher grade but off center left, with AUCT weak and partial as a result. A bold date.

McCawley & Grellman 3rd C4 Sale Nov 8, 1997

172. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.II.1-E MBL (R-2) VG8 145.4 gns. Contrasting mid and pale olives, the surfaces moderately and evenly porous. Full legends, date full but weak. Relatively mark free.

11.1-E

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

THE FINEST KNOWN MILLER 11.1-E

The Louis E. Eliasberg Specimen!

ELIASBERG #69 5/28/96

180. 1787 Connecticut. Miller 11.1-E. Rarity-2. 141.9 grains. About Uncirculated, some details high in that grade level, others just a bit weaker as struck. This is the LOUIS E. ELIASBERG specimen, appearing as Lot 69 in the May, 1996 sale of this portion of his collection. It was plated in that sale, called "High Condition Census" and described as "glossy steel gray. Tiny scratch past O of AUCTORI. A few planchet flaws are scarcely worthy of mention. Decently struck overall, but lacking detail (as usual) on the high points, especially on the reverse. A far above average example of the variety and type. The Norweb and Taylor coins were each VF." A very attractive example of this distinct type coin, with the surfaces quite hard and glossy, quite attractive with the darker surface color and the overall freedom from post-striking damage or defect. Probably the FINEST KNOWN EXAMPLE of the variety, we have records of nothing close to this in condition, and nothing remotely similar has appeared at auction. The next finest examples we are aware of are the EF coin from the Stepney Hoard which appeared in the EAC '75 sale and the Choice EF in Stack's March, 1994 sale which was called "High Condition Census." The Taylor coin was a Choice VF and described as "Possibly a Condition Census coin," which it probably was. Norweb's was a VF/EF, the Oechsner piece was VF and Hessberg's was just Fine, as was the piece in the 1997 C4 convention sale. The private collections that we have seen or have recorded do not show anything higher than an EF coin, and only two or three of those, at least one of which is pedigreed to the above list. While the Eliasberg description notes that it is not well struck on the reverse high points, we note here that this is absolutely normal for the variety – indeed, the dies were cut without some of the finer details found on other varieties of Connecticut coppers, so that even barely circulated specimens – like this – do not show globe lines or shield details; they simply weren't there. A most appealing example of this variety, not a particularly scarce issue, but definitely rare anywhere near this state of preservation, and with a pedigree directly back to the most complete collection of United States coins EVER formed. One of only a handful of Connecticut coppers included in his collection by Louis Eliasberg, and doubtless a coin handpicked for its quality and eye appeal, as was the balance of his holdings. Here is a chance for the specialist to acquire a coin that is simply irreplaceable. It's not cheap, but quality seldom is – then again, we note a slabbed AU common variety currently being offered by Northeast Numismatics for $2475, so maybe in comparison this one IS cheap after all!.....$1749

Accompanied by the original lot ticket for the Eliasberg sale where this coin appeared as Lot 69. While no pedigree was given for the piece in the sale of the Eliasberg holdings, most of his colonials were purchased privately through Stack's in the 1940's and 1950's as well as occasionally through major auctions of other dealers of the period. A diligent search through this somewhat boring period of auction catalogues may well yield a pedigree for this particular coin.

11.2-K

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

90 1787. M. 11.2-K. R-4. Similar obv., but CONNEC about evenly spaced, star away from mail; rev. *INDE* (head) *ET LIB* with blunt 5-pointed stars. With the usual break at CT. **Some details VF, other Fine;** struck unevenly on a thick planchet (with the usual minor defects, the most serious a lamination adjacent to branch hand) which has attractively patinated from light chocolate to brownish red. Not quite equal to the Crosby Plate coin, but at least a match for all others we have seen; **doubtless in the Condition Census.** The MHS 1970, lot 134 coin was only VG. Ex Henry C. Miller coll., Bowers 1972 list, reportedly via Craige. **(Photo) ($100.–up)** $75

*Bids accepted by mail only.

'EAC'75

90

KAGIN'S 342ND SALE FEB 12-14, 1987

EX EAC '75

4208 **1787 Connecticut,** Miller 11.2-K. R-4. Some details VF, others **Fine.** A piece high on the condition census. *From the Henry C. Miller collection; Bowers 1972 list reportedly via Craige; PTACo EAC Sale, February 1975, Lot 90 (accompanied by Breen certificate).* $264 $75

HENRY C. MILLER SALE' MAY 29, 1920

.55 1883. Another, similar, but C. 11 (2)-K. VGood. R. 3.

.10 2110 1787. C. 11-K-- 11 (2)--K Avg. G. 4 pcs.

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' FEB 15, 1975

1787 M 11.2-K

High Condition Census

AOT XF GOOD COLOR

TAYLOR

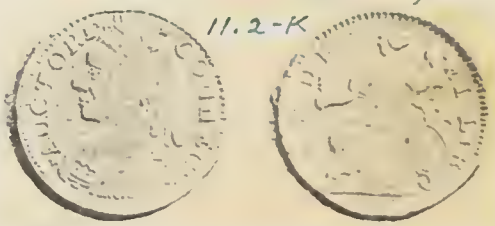
$247.50

R. MARTIN

2420 1787 Connecticut. M 11.2-K. Mailed Bust Left. 152.7 grains. R-3. Overall, EF-45. Little actual wear, just areas of weakness in t strike. Slightly off center to the upper right portion of the obver like the Pine Tree/E.A.C. specimen. Verdigris spot over the e gy's eye. Surfaces are medium golden brown, mostly smooth w just an area of roughness at the base of the obverse and top the reverse. Diebreak connecting CT in the obverse in a medit stage of development. Sharp enough to see individual hair stran below the wreath, and outlines of the leaves in the wreath itse Finer than the Pine Tree/E.A.C. specimen.

CROSBY PLATE (1875)

11.2-K



BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA P.70 (1988)

2. Triplet Head; Large Letters, Small Dates

775 1787 Blunt stars in legends. 3 vars.
M. 11.1-E, 11.2-K, 11.3-K. Device punch has triple leaves and paired berries in wreath; worn specimens may not show berries. First obv. reappears in 866–68; second var. is Crosby. Pl. V, 14; third is exceedingly rare, and always shows a break at (C)O.

STACK'S SEPT 10, 11, 1975

SEE STACK'S SALE 6/15/84 LOT # 902

M. 11.2-K L.N. 486

486 1787 Connecticut. Mailed bust left. About Uncirculated glossy with faint traces of original color. Softly struck in the central portion but very attractive. $260 $260

PINE TREE "BROWN UNIV" MAY 21, 1976

523 **1787. M. 11.2-K** (R-4). **Fine, with many (peripheral) details of VF sharpness.** $65

Very clear date and lettering. Scattered minor obv. rev. planchet defects. Lot 90 (F/VF), in the 1975 E.A.C. sale went for $75.

BOWERS "BUCHENBACH-SMITH NOV 10-12, 1976

2722 1787 Connecticut copper. M 11.2-K. VF-20 with several planchet inclusions visible on the obverse. This is a dark brown and bright green specimen, with traces of verdigris visible on both surfaces. The reverse hair detail on the seated figure is quite well struck up. $9.50

STACK'S MASS. HIST. SOC. OCT 23, 1970

134 **1787 Miller 11.2-K.** Rarity [illegible] Mail [illegible] Very Good. Another of the same style, well centered and well struck with a small mint lip which adds to the detail on the obverse [illegible] of the E of INDE and the star following it on the reverse. A flake in the planchet in the nose and eye. Even wear and on overall medium dark brown coin. $11

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.11.2-K
VERY FINE, STAINS (VF 30)
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION

11.2-K

STACK'S SALE "APRIL 27, 1988 OK/NICE RICH BROWN

37 1787 Mailed Bust Left. Miller 11.2-K. Weakly struck in the centers but little actual wear. Very Fine. $242 —

BOWERS "NORWEB" MARCH 25, 1988

2510 1787 Connecticut. M 11.2-K. VF-20/30. Rarity-3. 156.9 grains. 28.7mm. 165°. Dark, partially glossy brown. Obverse off center, as Taylor: 2420 and the Pine Tree/E.A.C. coin. Slightly earlier obverse state than those two, the break joining CT here only a thin line. NOT BAD VF20 NORWEB

176 Purchased circa 1913-1915. LOT #2487

SEE STACK'S "PERKINS COLL" SALE MARCH 15, 1993

STACK'S STACK'S SALE MAY 13, 1982

62 1787 M.11.2-K, double-struck with two dates; $115 — GOOD + 1 OF 3 PIECES AT $115 — WHT. 152.2 GR. R. MARTIN 4/87 - D. MITUZAS

STACK'S D. SPENCE SALE MARCH 15, 1975

Lot No. 728

728 1787 Miller 11.2-K. Mailed bust left. Rarity 3. A magnificent Connecticut, almost perfect centering and very sharply struck except in the central portion as usual. No signs of actual circulation. No planchet defect or damage! A few die breaks not mentioned by Miller: 1. From denticle above first C of CONNEC towards cinquefoil over head; 2. Arc-like break from rim across lower right corner of mail and down towards C. Superb glossy surfaces, lovely natural light brown faded from mint red. Uncirculated.

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #3 1980 1990

41. 1787. Miller 11.2-K, Breen 775. Rarity-3. Triplet Head, large letters, small date, blunt stars. 113.6 grains, 28.0mm. Very Fine, the reverse slightly weak at the absolute centers. Glossy chocolate brown surfaces. Small planchet imperfection at the rim at K-8 and a very small lamination near the rim at K-12. The obverse detail on this piece is much nicer than the EF Taylor coin. A great type piece.....$259

A PAIR OF HIGH CONDITION CENSUS 1787 MILLER 11.2-K

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

OK/NICE XF MOTTLED BROWN & TAN

300-525 — Lot No. 1075 OECHSNER

JUST XF SMOOTH, BUT BIT DARK OK

575-800 — 689 — Lot No. 1076 OECHSNER

A. TERRANOVA COLL.

1075 1787 Miller 11.2-K. Mailed bust left. (R-4). 162.1 grains. **Extremely Fine.** Somewhat soft at the centers as usual, but full hair detail. Scattered planchet defects on the obverse, the two major ones curving down through CO. There is a small scratch on the cheek. Die break at CT fairly advanced. Reverse slightly off-center to the left, but the legends and date full. The obverse is far better centered than the Taylor or the EAC coins, with all legends fully on the flan. Strong die chip at the top left of C, barely visible on the Crosby plate and off the flan on the others we have seen. Medium brown and golden olive toning, glossy surfaces. A superior example. TO A. TERRANOVA

577.50

1076 1787 Miller 11.2-K. Another. 148.2 grains. **Extremely Fine,** better struck than the previous specimen, and free of planchet defects. A small clip just left of the bust tip. **A perfectly centered coin with complete denticles on both sides.** Die break at CT in earlier state; die break at the top left of the first C in CONNEC sharp and clear; die break from the final C into the shoulder and down to the rim.

From the 1942 ANA sale (Abe Kosoff), lot 1060.

4880

PINE TREE "GENA '76 SALE" OCT 1, 1976

15 1787. M. 11.2-K (R-4). **Fine overall, many details** VF.

$40 — Some weaknesses of details due to uneven strike. Attractive charcoal gray and brown patination. See lot 90 of 1975 E.A.C. sale

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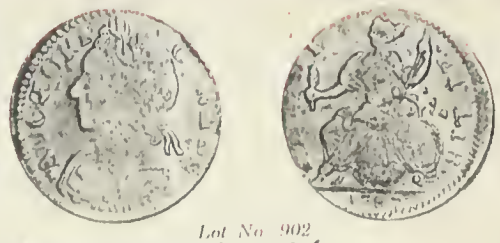


230-240 — Lot No. 902

← SEE STACK'S SALE SEPT 9-10, 1975

STACK'S SALE, JUNE 15, 1984 1787 11.2-K

902 ~~Auctori Plebis Token~~. 1787 Struck in imitation of the Connecticut copper on a planchet too small to accommodate the reverse die. In this case, the date full but the top of P, ET, LIB missing. Extremely Fine, medium brown. Comparatively strong bust.

$264

11.2-K

BOWER'S CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE NOV 14, 1990
#5671 ☆ M 11.2-K. Rarity-3. F-12 to 15. 121.8 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2420
357.50 1 OF 9 PIECES

BOWER'S CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE NOV 14, 1990
#5670 ☆ M 11.2-K. Rarity-3 (2). One VG-8, glossy, obverse scratched. 139.3 grains. Off center, as often seen. States equivalent to Taylor:2420; another VF-20, obverse striations and flaws. Obverse better centered than usual, reverse off center. 134.8 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2420
495 2 OF 10 PIECES J. ROCK

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992
332 1787 Connecticut copper. M 11.2-K. Mailed Bust Left. VF-20, perhaps slightly finer. Rarity-3. 134.8 grains. Nearly the visual equivalent of Taylor:2420, particularly on the reverse. Slightly off center on the reverse, affecting just the very tops of DE. A glossy medium brown specimen with some planchet striations, as struck. A few well-hidden, faint reverse scratches are noted for accuracy. A pleasing example of this popular die combination.
77

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992
164 1787 Connecticut copper. M 11.2-K. Mailed Bust Left. VG-8. Rarity-3. 139.1 grains. Well centered on the obverse, but struck slightly off center on the reverse affecting the tops of INDE. A faint old obverse scratch is noted for accuracy. Obverse die state with crack from rim through CT in AUCTORI and an additional crack extending toward the star above the first C in CONNEC.
33 BK

BOWER'S SOMMERSET SALE 3/29/92 LOT#332
ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL#4 SPRING, 1991
50. 1787. Miller 11.2-K, Breen 775. Rarity-3. Triplet Head, large letters, small date, blunt stars. 134.6 grains. Very Fine, the reverse closer to the EF level. Chocolate brown surfaces, incredibly glossy. There are a few small laminations on the obverse and a few other handling marks on either side, though they are all quite insignificant and wouldn't bother even the most fastidious collector. The legends and date are full and strong. A shade nicer than the piece that we offered on our last price list [Lot 41 at $259]; we were able to purchase this one at a very attractive price level, and can pass the savings along to you. (PLATE).....$219

50

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991
1381 1787 Miller 11.2-K. 136 grains. Mailed bust left, 5-pointed star over large head, stars as stops in * INDE * * ET LIB *. Dark brown. Very Good. TOO DARK
660

KINGS WOOD 'DARTMOUTH SALE' FEB 20, 1991

EDGE FLAW

7217 1787 Connecticut copper M 11.2-K. VF-30, technically, some areas not quite as sharp. Center of the obverse not fully struck up as often seen. Edge flawed on obverse at 8:30. Somewhat glossy reddish brown surfaces.
850

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' 7/22/92
1787 Miller 11.2-K
NICE DARK OLIVE BROWN AU
Among the Finest Known

1,320

Lot No. 2640

2640 **1787 M 11.2-K.** MBL. R-3. 137.6 gns. **Choice About Uncirculated. Among the Finest Known.** Lovely, even deep olive brown. Glossy, smooth, and hard fields. Minor annealing flaws in upper left reverse. Obverse center rough and granular, as struck. Reverse center flawed, heavily in places. Struck slightly off center on both sides, as often seen on this variety. In terms of sharpness and technical grades **High Condition Census**, finer than Taylor:2420, Oechsner:1075, Schenkel:5677, and examples seen in 18 private and public collections. Exceeded recently only by Oechsner:1076, graded EF but an outstanding specimen, fully centered. Die states as Taylor:2420, the obverse heavily broken from top of first C to center of stand of neighboring T, from bottom of final C to mail.

1787 M.11.2-K Very Good. Old white ink attribution on obverse. 152.8 GR.
Bowers & Ruddy Rare Coin Review#14,1972;H.C. Miller collection.
R. MARTIN 3/87 - D. MITUZAS

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL#5 SUMMER 1991
26. 1787 Miller 11.2-K, Very Fine. Somewhat weak strike in the centers, as often seen; full legends and date. Small clip at K-3 affects no legend or design details. Gorgeous glossy brown surfaces; quite attractive. Another specimen from the Henry Clay Miller collection, with his delicate attribution number in the left obverse field. A premium example.....$179

MIKE RINGO LIST JAN. 1991
10.1787 MBL, M.11.2-K, 141.3 grains. Fine, glossy medium brown planchet with a small rim clip at 8:00. Softly struck in the centers, with a few scattered defects visible in the obverse bust; full date and legends. 75.00

MIKE RINGO LIST MARCH, 1989
17.1787 MBL, M.11.2-K. Fine, well centered with full date and legends, somewhat softly struck in the centers as is typical for the variety..... 75.00
18.1787 MBL, M.11.2-K. Fine, smooth tan surfaces. Struck about 5% off center, so that only the top half of the date shows..... 60.00

11.2-K

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6521 Another 1787 Connecticut copper trio. ☆ M 4-L. Mailed Bust Left. VG-8. Rarity-1. 154.8 grains. Horned Bust variety. A pleasing tan specimen from the middle state of the obverse die with the "horn" in the obverse field not yet extended to effigy's shoulder. A few faint obverse scratches do not detract from the overall appeal of this specimen. Some areas of sharpness much finer than the assigned grade ☆ M 11.2-K. Mailed Bust Left. G-6, perhaps finer for the issue. Rarity-3. 129.6 grains. Dark chocolate brown surfaces, verging on black, with a few faint obverse and reverse planchet fissures noted. Actually more attractive than the scant description would imply ☆ M 32.5-aa. Draped Bust Left. G-6, weak and faintly porous at the center of obverse. Rarity-4. 143.0 grains. Die alignment 280°. INDE/FU variety. Obverse as graded, reverse perhaps F-12. A medium tan specimen with the overall eye appeal of a coin in much finer condition. (Total: 3 pieces) 302.50

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6522 Trio of 1787 Connecticut copper varieties. ☆ M 4-L. Mailed Bust Left. G-6. Rarity-1. 103.6 grains. Horned Bust variety. A well-worn, medium chestnut specimen from the advanced state of the obverse die with "horn" die break firmly attached to effigy's bust. An old attribution number is painted in the obverse fields in black ink ☆ M 11.2-K. Mailed Bust Left. G-4. Rarity-3. 131.2 grains. Moderately off center on both sides, affecting the tops of RI CO on the obverse, and IN on the reverse. Attractive for the grade, with a few faint old circulation marks noted for accuracy ☆ M 32.5-aa. Draped Bust Left. VG-8. Rarity-4. 121.7 grains. INDE/FU reverse. Some obverse and reverse planchet fissures noted. Faintly porous yet still attractive. (Total: 3 pieces) 110

SEE BOWER'S R.W. MILLER SALE NOV 21, 1992 LOT # 2363

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2124 1787 M.9-R. MBL. Overall Fine, cleaned. Rarity-5. 114.0 grains. Rough and laminated, heavy edge dent. "Overdate" bold. A variety whose rarity was overestimated; **1787 M.11.2-K. MBL.** Overall Very Good. Rarity 3. 141.9 grains. Brown. Light obverse flaw, rim clip at 8:30. Obverse state as Taylor:2420; 1787 M.10.1-M. DBL. Fine. Dark brown, granular, obverse scratched. Rarity 4. 140.1 grains; 1787 M.16.2-NN.1. DBL. Very Good, rough, reverse particularly. Rarity-5. 189.0 grains. Dark, verdigris on both sides. 4 pieces. 150, 190, 209.00

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

970 **1787 M.4-L. MBL.** Another. Rarity 1. Fine. 130.6 gns. Black-brown, granular. Early obverse state, "horn" here just a cusp; **1787 M.9-D. MBL.** Rarity 5. Very Good/Fine. 143.8 gns. Olive brown, obverse off center and granular. Die states as Taylor:2413; **1787 M.9-R. MBL.** Rarity 5. Good. 109.3 gns. Olive green, very granular. 1787/8 date illegible. Die states uncertain; **1787 M.11.2-K. MBL.** Strong Fine. 125.3 gns. Olive green and brown. Obverse lightly striated; reverse off center. Obverse break at CT not as advanced as on Taylor:2420; 1787 M.12-Q. MBL. Rarity 5. About Good. Gray brown. Deeply flawed and laminated. Reverse scratched. 1787/1887 date barely legible. States as Taylor:2421; **1787 M.15-F. MBL.** CONNECT. Rarity 4. Fine. 88.7 gns. Pale tan. Reverse flawed through date, off center. Just base of second obverse T visible. 6 pieces. 120, 180, 198.00

BOWERS AUCTION SALE JAN 7, 1993

1006 **1787 Connecticut copper quintette:** ☆ Miller 11.1-E. Mailed Bust Left. F-12. Rarity-2. 135.9 grains. Medium brown surfaces with a few planchet striations seen on each side. Some peripheral striking weakness, not unusual for this variety ☆ M 11.2-K. Mailed Bust Left. VG-8. Rarity-3. 124.7 grains. Slightly off center to the upper right portion of the obverse, like the Pine Tree/EAC and the Taylor specimens (the reverse of the piece offered here is also moderately off center). Medium tan with a few scattered surface marks ☆ 1 OF 5 PIECES 236.00

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6520 Trio of 1787 Connecticut coppers featuring various obverse styles. ☆ M 4-L. Mailed Bust Left. VG-8, slightly porous. Rarity-1. 108.5 grains. Horned Bust variety. From the advanced state of the obverse die, with "horn" firmly attached to effigy's bust, and evidence of clashing in the field beneath RI ☆ M 11.2-K. Mailed Bust Left. G-4. Rarity-3. 131.6 grains. Glossy chocolate brown surfaces with a hint of porosity and one or two tiny circulation marks noted 1 OF 3 110

SEE BOWER'S R.W. MILLER SALE NOV 21, 1992 # 2362

ROSA AMERICANA LIST # 7, AUTUMN, 1992

65. 1787 Connecticut, Miller 11.2-K. Rarity-3. 142.5 grains. Very Good or so, evenly worn, with no problems or defects. Somewhat dull greyish brown surfaces. Struck about 15% off center on both sides, towards K-9, one of the largest off center strikes that we've ever seen on this variety. A clean and inexpensive major error in the Connecticut series!.....$59

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2127 **1787 M.11.2-K. MBL. Very Fine,** reverse sharply struck for the grade. Rarity 3. 156.9 grains. Dark brown, surfaces semi-glossy. Obverse surfaces granular in places. Obverse off-center, as commonly seen (Taylor:2420, for example). Near Condition Census for the variety. Obverse state slightly earlier than the Taylor coin's. EX NORWEB 100, 190, 209

Ex Norweb Collection Sale (Bowers and Merena, March 25, 1988, lot 2510).

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

*2126 **1787 M.11.2-K. MBL. Technically Very Fine.** Rarity 3. 131.3 grains. Near Condition Census, the majority known are in Fine or lower grades. Deep golden brown. Fields hard, centers on both sides rough and incompletely struck up. Two small obverse flaws; reverse verdigris pits by L. Die states as Taylor:2430. 220, 220, 242.00

COIN GALLERIES 'PERKINS DVD'S' APRIL 14, 1993

1976 **Starter set of 1787 Mailed Bust Right varieties,** with some duplicates. Grades range from About Good to Fine, with most being Very Good to Fine. Usual planchet qualities for these grades. Most varying shades of brown. **M.2-B.** Rarity-3; **M.4-L.** Rarity 1. Full "Horn" break; **another.** No "Horn" break. **M.6.1-M.** "Laughing Head". Rarity 1; **M.6.2-M.** "Second Laughing Head". Rarity 3; **M.9-R.** "1787/8 Overdate". **Rarity 6; another; a third**; **M.11.2-K.** Rarity 3; **another**; **M.13-D.** Rarity 4; **another; M.14-H.** Pheons at Date. Rarity 4; **M.15-F.** CONNECT. Rarity 4. The last of the 1787-MBR varieties until Miller 52. **14 pieces.** 2 PIECES 275.00

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL # 4 SPRING, 1991

51. 1787. Miller 11.2-K, another. **113.6 grains. Very Fine,** the reverse slightly weak at the absolute centers. Glossy chocolate brown surfaces. Small planchet imperfection at the rim at K-8, and a very small lamination near the rim at K-12 are the only defects, and they are quite trivial. The obverse detail of this piece is much nicer than the EF Taylor coin. From our last list, Lot 41 [at $259]; it didn't sell there, so now we're offering it at below cost.....$199

11.2-K

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION), 1989

11.2 K	[illegible]	VF/VF-	R3	Edge clip [illegible]
11.2 K	[illegible]	F-/F-	R3	Uncirculated both sides
11.2-K	1787	F+/F+	R3	Defective planchet; nat
11.2-K	1787	F+/VF-	R3	Defective planchet; nat
11.2-K	1787	R4		
11.2-K	1787 [illegible]	R4		small planchet defects both

ANA MUSEUM, 1989

G 6.11g 180° Miller 11.2-K (R3)

ANA MUSEUM, 1989

VG (clipped) 8.67g 180° Miller 11.2-K

NASCA 'M. BRYAN COLL' NOV 2, 1977

15 1787. M. 11.2-K. R-4. Fine-12.

Date and legends are all plain and on the flan, several old obv. pin scratches

NASCA 'M. BRYAN COLL' NOV 2, 1977

16 1787. Another M. 11.2-K. VG.

Rev. closer to Fine than obv. Fairly well centered, all legends as well as date are readable.

D. LINETT MAIL BID SALE #2 AUG, 1985

235. As above. Miller 11.2-K. (R-4). Very Fine. Olive brown. Struck on an uncharacteristically smooth, round planchet with full legends and date. We have never seen a finer example of this underrated variety. $180

BOWER'S "L. HEWITT SALE' NOV 14, 1984

2741 1787 Connecticut. Miller 11.2K. Mailed Bust left. Scarce die variety. Very Good obverse, Fine reverse. 38.50

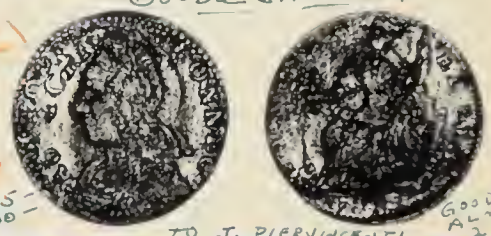
BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

SEE BOWER'S RCR #14 APR, 1972

1787 M 11.2-K Copper

Condition Census Sharpness

DOUBLE STRUCK 10% SHIFT



325 — 900 —

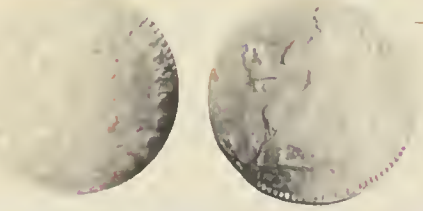
GOOD COLOR ALMOST 2 DATES

TO J. PIERVINCENTI

5677 1787 M 11.2-K. Rarity-3. EF-40. 147.6 grains. Condition Census. Sharpness of AU-50, heavily double struck. Some very faded mint color on the reverse. Surfaces clear, hard, somewhat glossy light golden brown. Small area of planchet flaws on reverse near rim at 7:00. Overall, about as sharp as Taylor:2420, and therefore solidly within the condition census for the variety. Die states equivalent to the Taylor coin.

990.00

SEE STACK'S SALE SEPT 21, 1994 LOT #24



BOWER'S RCR #14 APRIL, 1972

1787 Mailed bust left. 11.2-K (R-3). Fair $6.00; Good $9.00; Very Good $19.00; Fine (the specimen from the Henry C. Miller Collection) $26.00; Extremely Fine, spectacularly double struck with the undertype very bold. The date and many legends appear twice. Interesting! 179.00

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

38) 1787 M.11.2-K Very Fine. Struck slightly off center to 10 o'clock on obverse causing top of "RI" and top of wreath on head on the obverse, and the bottom tips of date on reverse to be off flan. Reddish brown with light planchet roughness at reverse centers and light patches of green verdigris.

39) 1787 M.11.2-K Basically Good (3-4). Fairly well centered, dark brown. Date illegible. (No Provenance)

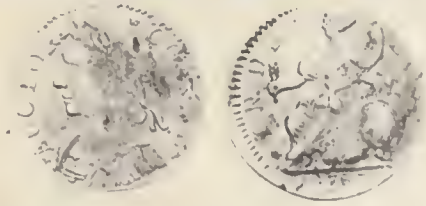
L. MERKIN SALE' OCT 31, 1973

158 — 1787 Miller 11.2-K, Rarity 3. VF. Sharply struck, very slightly off center affecting the very top of I on the obverse. Unfortunately, an attempted puncture on the cheek, otherwise a lovely, glossy, olive toned beauty.

36-

NEW NETHERLAND'S 63RD SALE APRIL 18-19, 1972

727 1787. Mailed bust l. M. 11.2-K. Light olive and tan Uncirculated, faint traces of mint red. Usual uneven strike on usual defective planchet. Finest we have ever heard of. Excessively rare grade for any coin of this state. Ex Chapman over forty years ago at a then high $10. Plate



SEE BOWER'S SOMERSET SALE 5/29/92 #252
ROSA AMERICANA FPL #4 SPRING, 1991 #50
ROSA AMERICANA FPL #6 1992

31 1787 Connecticut. Miller 11.2-K. Rarity-3. 134.6 grains. Very Fine, sharply struck, with full legends and date. The planchet has a few minor, natural defects, mostly on the obverse, the most serious being a thin lamination from the rim between the cinquefoil and the C of CONNEC to the effigy's head, and even it doesn't disturb any of the legends. Pleasing, somewhat glossy dark brown surfaces. An attractive example of the variety. $169

NEW NETH 'NUMISMA' AUG, 1954 VOL. I NO. 3

888 1787. Head of '88. M. 11.2-K. Abt. V.G. Even wear. $2.25

KAGIN'S LIST, SEPT 16, 1981

1787 CONNECTICUT M.11.2-K. Rarity-4. VF sharpness but dark, granular 125.00

11.2-K

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

77 1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 11.2-K. Mailed Bust Left. Rarity 3. 162.3 grains. Very Good, somewhat weakly struck on a planchet with a few mostly minor defects, as usual for the variety. A decent example of a scarcer variety.....$49

This variety is occasionally found struck on thick, heavy planchets, as is the case with this example. Such heavy planchets surely represented a monetary loss to the coiners, and may have been issued to restore the public's faith in a copper coinage that was often plagued with lightweight counterfeits.

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

52 1787 ~~Mailed Bust Left M #11.1-E (R-2) FINE-12, dark and bent~~; Mailed Bust Left M #11.2-K (R-4) GOOD-4, normal planchet drifts. (Lot of 2 pieces). $22-

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

573 1787 Mailed Bust Left. 11.2-K (R-3). Fine. Dark planchet. $20-

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

2412 11.2-K. 144.5 grains. R-3. Overall, VG-8, with some areas of sharper detail than the grade suggests. Very typically soft in the centers;

1 OF 5 PIECES TAYLOR

BOWER'S 'ARNOLD & ROMISA SEPT 17-19, 1984

LOT # 629 1787 Miller 11.2-K, Mailed Bust left. F-VF;

1 OF 4 PIECES

BOWER'S "P.D. WILLIAMS" SEPT 23-29, 1979

1294 ~~Five~~ 1787 Connecticuts: ~~(4) 8-N. R-4. VF-20, dark; (2) 8-O. R-4. AG-3~~; (3) 11.2-K. R-3. Good-4; ~~(4) 15-F. R-4. VG-8; (5) 16.5 m. VG-8.~~ (Total: 5 pieces)

HIM, INC SALE' NOV 4, 1983

75 1787. Group of 7 Pieces. $71.50

71.50 M 11.2-K (R-4). AG, heavy reverse corrosion; ~~M 11.2-E (R-2), medium brown VG-8; M 33.10-Z. 1 (R-1), brown VG-8; M 33.7-L. 2 (R-1), 2 Poor Good; type-4 M 33-Z. AG, scratched~~

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

135 1787 Connecticut coppers, all MBL. ~~M.4-L. A third. R-1. Strong Fine, full "horn." 111.1 gns; M.6-L.M. R-1. "Laughing Head." Strong Very Fine, or so, obverse flawed across, sharpness in places of Extremely Fine. 127.3 gns~~; M.11.2-K. Another. R-3. Sharpness of Strong Very Fine, cleaned. 152.2 gns. 3 pieces. 210, 280, 308

DANA LINETT LIST, JUNE, 1982

11.2-K, R-4, Fine, Mailed Bust Left..... 125.

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

1175 1787 Connecticut copper. M 11.2-K. Mailed Bust Left. IN-DE variety. 139.0 grains. Rarity-3. VF-20. Dark brown and olive, particularly the reverse. Struck off center, towards the base of the reverse and top of the obverse, affecting only the bottoms of the date numerals and the tops of the highest letters in the obverse legend. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2420. TOO DARK

Ex Ryder Collection. His envelope accompanies this lot. Called "Fine" by Ryder. $165

MIKE RINGO LIST, FEB, 1984

7. 1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.11.2-K. About Good. An R-4 variety..... 10.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, DEC, 1984

13. 1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.11.2-K. Good, full date..... 15.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, JULY, 1986

8. 1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.11.2-K. Fine to Very Fine, smooth brown flan, small edge defect not affecting any devices. Flatly struck in the centers, as is typical for the type. A scarce variety..... 75.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #41 JAN 5, 1986

19. 1787 Miller 11.2-K. Fine-12, R-4. Mailed Bust Left. Planchet clip at 8:00. Lovely light tan color. $75

NORMAN PETERS LIST OCT, 1980

11.2-K, R4 G/VG SLIGHTLY OFF CENTER, THUS NO DATE $9.50

DICK AUGUST LIST, MARCH, 1980

62 Same 11.2-K, [illegible] seen, obverse [illegible] Connec' is on [illegible] otherwise [illegible]

PINE TREE 'E. MORTON SALE' OCT 18, 1975

544 1787. Mailed Bust Left. ~~M.8-O (R-4). Liberty Head. VG-8 with dark, pitted surfaces~~. M.11.2-K (R-4): barely Good, lower right obv. weakly struck. ~~M.13-D (R-4). Machine-Mill Mint. Very Good, weak, some pit-like defects. (See lots 46, 48 and 50 respectively in our 1-A Catalog.)~~ 3 pcs. 30- ($90.-120.)

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1977

1787 Mailed Bust Left, M. 11.2-K, (R-4), nice strong Good.....10.00.

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST 1979

1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.11.2-K, (R-4), Fine or better, nice color and surfaces, planchet clip at seven o'clock.....35.00

STACK'S SALE OCT 20-23, 1987

39 1787 M.11.2-K (R-4). Mailed Bust left. Very Good to Fine, grainy surface; ~~M.11.5-K (R-4). Draped Bust left. Fine~~ 2 pieces. VG GOOD

11 2-K

1787 11.2-K Wht. 141.0 Grains. UNC 60. Flat Strike.
Ex. E. P. Newman Coll.1994. TO JIM GOULGE

1787 11.2-K WHT 137.0 GRAINS. DOUBLE STRUCK "TAB"
ROBERT MARTIN COLLECTION VIA MIKE RINGO 1994.

M-2-K

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

144 1787 M.11.2-K. Another. R-3. Granular Very Good but shift double struck with partial extra obverse legend and double branch hand on reverse. 162.5 gns.; ~~M.15-F. CONNECT. Another. Nice Very Fine sharpness in places but surfaces also quite rough. 127.3 gns.~~ 2 pieces.

75 150 165

BOWER'S "GREENWALD & JACKSON SALE" SEPT 11-13, 1995

3112 ~~Connecticut copper quintette:~~ ☆ 1787 M 11.2-K. Mailed Bust Left. VG, obverse scratch. Rarity-3. 142.1 grains ☆ ~~1787 M 33.5-T.2. Draped Bust Left. VG, reverse flan flaw. Rarity-5. 116.9 grains ☆ 1787 M 33.32-Z.13. Draped Bust Left. VG, large flan lamination on the obverse. 112.1 grains. Later state with obverse bulge beneath QRI ☆ 1788 M 11-G. Mailed Bust Left. VG, dark and patinated. Rarity-3. 100.4 grains ☆ 1788 M 16.1-H. Draped Bust Left. VF for design sharpness, but porous and patinated. Rarity-3. 118.4 grains. Small obverse edge clip at 10:00.~~ (Total: 5 pieces)

130 160 176

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "SCHOENTAG SALE" JAN 6, 1996

27. 1787 CONNECTICUT COPPERS, 2 PIECES, BOTH VG8 SHARPNESS NET G5 due to minor granularity. M 11.2-K with large letters in the legends ~~and M44-w.4 with the more common smaller letters.~~

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

134 1787 Connecticut coppers, ~~all save the last MBL. M.4-L. Another. Sharpness of Choice Extremely Fine, roughened in places, verdigris spots both sides. 120.7 gns. Full obverse "horn" break;~~ M.5-P. R-6 ~~(underrated, probably really High R-6). IN DE. Basal/Very Good, holed. 101.4 gns. Miller number in a coarse hand on obverse; M.8-D. R-5 (underrated, probably really R-6). Very Good/Fine, obverse clip 12:30. 115.7 gns.;~~ M. 11.2-K. R-3. Choice Very Fine, flawed, reverse clip and rim dents. 140.3 gns; ~~M.12-Q. R-5. "1787/1887", IN DE. Strong Fine, flawed. 110.5 gns.; M.17-g.8. Draped Bust Left. Low R-4. Technically strong Fine to Very Fine, quite granular, old obverse scratches. 152.2 gns.~~ 6 pieces.

55 300 330

BOWERS K.C. LONG SALE MAY 26, 1995

315 1787 Miller 11.2-K. Mailed Bust Left. VF. Rarity-3. 135.1 grains. Glossy brown surfaces display some natural flan flaws and a few old, faint scratches. Slightly off center on both sides, but not affecting the legends or design. A pleasing specimen overall, with areas of the design that approach a higher grade.

EAN AUCTIONS (DANA LINETT) NOV 16, 1996

47 1787 CT Copper, Mailed Bust Left, Fine. 150.1 grains. Miller 11.2-K, Rarity 3. Olive brown with reddish highlights. Evenly worn, with nice surfaces and full legends and date. .... (100-125)

COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 12, 1997

1809 **1787 Mailed Bust Left. Miller 11.2-K.** Fine for type. 138 grains. Star stops, reverse shows distinctive spacing * INDE - * ET LIB*. Obverse a trifle weak, reverse far sharper light glossy brown.

165

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL # 9 SUMMER, 1994

133 1787 Connecticut, Miller 11.2-K. Rarity-3. 142.5 grains. Very Good or so, evenly worn, with no problems or defects. Somewhat dull greyish brown surfaces. Struck about 15% off center on both sides, towards K-9, one of the largest off center strikes that we've recorded for this variety. A clean and inexpensive major error in the Connecticut series! WAS $49.....NOW $34

Error coins in the Connecticut series aren't showing up with any sort of frequency, especially this cheap!

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL # 9 SUMMER, 1994

134 1787 Connecticut, Miller 11.2-K, another. 125.6 grains. Very Good or so. Another neat error coin, this one with a large, natural planchet flaw that goes completely through the coin—a natural hole, if you will. Amazingly enough, the legends and date are all full, as the flaw is right between Ms. Liberty's head and the E of ET on the reverse and at the base of the bust on the obverse. Good light brown color, with no post-striking damage. A rather impressive error coin, especially as you don't need a magnifying glass to see it, or a home mortgage to buy it.....$39

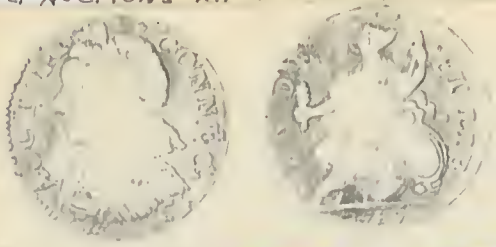
ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL # 10 SPRING, 1995

AN EXTRAORDINARY TRIPLE STRUCK MILLER 11.2-K!

130 1787 Connecticut, Miller 11.2-K. Rarity-3 for the variety, R-7 for the error. 162.2 grains. Very Fine or so, BOLDLY TRIPLE STRUCK and thus a littledifficult to grade due to the mutually obliterative striking. A fantastic error, each of the three strikes are plainly visible on either side, the first one slightly off center towards K-4, the second slightly to the left and the third almost perfectly centered. On the obverse parts of all three AUCTORI's can be seen and portions of all three effigy's can be made out. Oddly enough, only one CONNEC is visible. On the reverse INDE is not visible, but there are at least parts of two different dates and only one ET LIB! The seated figure is strongly tripled, the extra images quite strong at Liberty's head and her shield. Although a major error, the coin is made even more desireable because of its overall quality. The surfaces are a hard and somewhat glossy medium brown. There is a rolling flaw visible at the upper left reverse though the piece is completely free of any sort of post-striking damage or defect. An extremely rare error, especially so choice. Most major colonial errors have been quietly absorbed into large, private collections and when they do appear they tend to command very strong prices. A double struck example of this variety, graded EF, was in the Schenkel sale and brought a winning bid of $990. A superb coin for the error collector or the Connecticut specialist who just wants something unique.....$699

11.2-K

M & G AUCTIONS 'L.T. SMITH' JAN 7, 1995



89. 121 1787 CONNECTICUT M.11.2-K MBL. F15 113.6 gns. A representative example of this variety which typically has weak central details. Two tone dark and light brown with some mahogany mottling thrown in. Generally smooth planchet with scattered surface marks and a crack at the rim at 8:00 obverse, a slight void at 12:30, and a rim bruise at 5:00.

STACK'S SALE NOV 30, 1994

17 **Selection of Connecticut coppers:** ~~**1785 Miller 1-E.** Rarity 4. Bust right. Good/Fine;~~ ~~**1787 M.4-L.** Horned Bust. R-1. Good/Fine;~~ **M.11.2-K.** R-3. Bust left. About Fine, ~~**M.33.2-2-12.** R-1. Bust left. Near Very Fine, reverse patches of verdigris;~~ ~~**1788 M.2-D.** R-1. Bust right. Fine, rough;~~ ~~**M.11-G.** R-3. Bust left. Fine;~~ ~~**M.16.5-H.** R-6. Bust left. Very Good/Fine.~~ 7 pieces.

300 330

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 18, 1995

10 **1787 Connecticut copper.** Miller 11.2-K. Rarity 3. Fine; ~~**1787 Massachusetts Cent.** Ryder 3-G. R-1. Very Fine ;~~ ~~**1787 New Jersey copper.** Maris 32-T. R-1. Very Fine.~~ 3 pieces.

COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 15, 1995

12 **1787 Connecticut. Miller 11.2-K. Mailed Bust Left. (R-3).** Strong Fine, severely flawed at the rim; ~~**M.15-F (R-4).** CONNECT. Very Fine, very rough, dark, granular, and old black corrosion coating. Attribution number on obverse.~~ 2 pieces.

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Ex June Sale (Stack's, 1994), lot 51.

BOWERS "COMMODORE PERRY SALE JAN 5, 1995

2238 1787 Mailed Bust Left duo: ☆ M 11.2-K. VG-8. Rarity-3. 147.2 grains. Die alignment: 200°, slightly off center on the reverse ~~☆ M 13-D. F-12. Rarity-4. 104.9 grains. Medium tan surfaces.~~ (Total: 2 pieces)

148.50

EAN AUCTIONS (DANA LINETT) MARCH 21, 1992

73 **1787 Cent, Miller 11.2-K, Choice Extremely Fine.** A truly nice specimen, having perfect centering and a wonderful mahogany-tan medium coloration. The surfaces are perfect, hard and smooth with excellent detail for this variety. Full sharp distinct date with a most attractive appearance. .....(450-550)

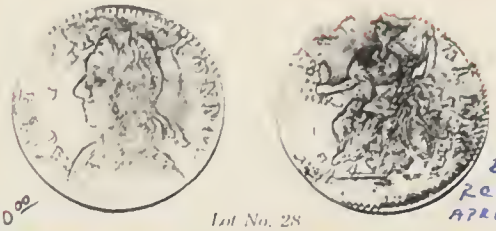
MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

279 60.50 1787 CONNECTICUT COPPER M.11.2-K (R-3) F12. 143.9 gns. Off-center about 15%, the obverse towards K 6.5 and the reverse towards K 9.5. Nice light brown, both sides somewhat glossy. Evenly worn, the obverse a bit more so as bust detail is limited. No visible marks, though there are some planchet flaws as come on this variety, the biggest of which is a tiny rim notch at reverse K6. Exact die state uncertain, though the (AU) CT (ORI) die break is present.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 21, 1994

1787 MILLER 11.2-K

Condition Census - Double Struck



$770.00

SEE BOWERS RCR # 14 APRIL, 1972

Lot No. 28

28 **1787 M.11.2-K. MBL.** R-3. Extremely Fine, sharpness of About Uncirculated. **Condition Census.** 147.6 gns. Very faded mint color on the reverse. Clear, hard, somewhat glossy light golden brown surfaces. Minor flaws only. **Heavily double struck**, most pronounced on the left sides. This is the finest double struck example of 11.2-K we have seen.

Ex Schenkel Sale (Bowers & Merena, November 1990), lot 5677.

STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST SUMMER 1995

15 **1787 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 11.2-K. Extremely Fine or thereabouts. Dramatically double-struck on either side. The obverse shows a nearly complete second impression of the legend at left, with an additional outline of the head at right. The reverse exhibits two nearly complete dates, doubled drapery, globe and branch. Not fully struck at centers, attractive medium-brown surfaces. $1,575.00

SEE 'BOWERS CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' LOT # 5677 (PLATE) NOV 14, 1990

STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

52 **1787 M.11.2-K. MBL.** R-3. Strong Fine for sharpness, severely flawed at rim, short obverse lamination. 134.1 gns. Olive brown. Surfaces elsewhere acceptable. Obverse failing in left field, CT connected by break; reverse I[N] soft; ~~**M.15-F. MBL.** CONNECT. R-4. Very rough but still Very Fine, dark and granular, fairly even black corrosion coating. 131.1 gns. Hall attribution number painted on obverse.~~ ~~2 pieces.~~

125 125 137

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

38 #278 1787 CONNECTICUT M.11.2-K MBL (R-3) VG8 150.1 gns. Olive green with very pale olive legends and design, both sides with microscopic porosity. No other problems of note. Well centered with full legends and date. A decent low grade example.

11.2-K

STACK'S SALE MAY 6, 1977

Lot No. 355

355 **1787 Connecticut.** M.11.2-K. About Uncirculated. **Among the Finest Known.** 137.7 gns. Rarity 3. Rich, deep olive brown and gray, the field surfaces on the obverse smooth, hard, porosity-free. Center of obverse rough and lightly fissured, entirely as made, however. The top of obverse rim a trifle rough, also. Reverse central figure quite rough and fissured, but as made; surfaces elsewhere mostly smooth and hard, just minor planchet problems. This variety is often found with the central devices quite rough. Slightly off center, on the obverse to the bottom, on the reverse to the upper left. A nice looking coin, one of the finest known, and an important addition to any advanced Connecticut collection.

11.2-K

McCawley & Greilman 3rd C+ Sale Nov 8, 1997

150-
150-
165-

173. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.11.2-K MBL (R-3) VF20 149.2 gns. Dark olive brown and generally smooth, though the surfaces display very fine granularity when looked at closely. Each side off center, the obverse high, the reverse to left, but virtually full and clear legends and date. This variety comes flatly struck and this coin is actually a fairly strong example.

11.2-K

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

174. 47- 1787 CONNECTICUT M.11.2-K MBL (R-3) VG10 129.1 gns. Smooth medium brown surfaces with a few striae near the center obverse and some minor toned scratches below that. Overall pleasing, well centered with full legends and date.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

DOUBLE STRUCK 1787 CONNETICUT M.11.2-K

175. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.11.2-K MBL DOUBLE STRUCK (R-3) F12 157.2 gns. With the appearance perhaps of a VG coin due to loss of detail from the dual strike. Dark olive brown, the surfaces granular but evenly so and quite reflective. Obverse doubling can be seen at the top of the head. The reverse is more dramatic with two complete dates one above the other. There are no planchet defects or marks that impair this coin.

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

11.3-K

91 1787. M. 11.3-K. R-8. Similar obv., A U and O R far apart, the A leaning crazily left;; O N N widely spaced. Rev. as preceding. **Letters on obv. suggest Fine, other details more like VG;** weakly struck on a blank with far fewer defects than usual, patinated to rather pale reddish brown and dark green. With the heavy break at CO which forced the immediate discard of the die. **Only the second one we have actually seen;** the mother one is the discovery coin, in the ANS museum ex Canfield estate, from which the Miller descrpition was taken, and it is also a low grade. **Miller thought the variety unique. (Photo)** $180 **($225.–300.)**

$180

'EAC'75

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BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA P.70 (1988)

2. *Triplet Head; Large Letters, Small Dates*

775 1787 Blunt stars in legends. 3 vars.
M. 11.1-E, 11.2-K, 11.3-K. Device punch has triple leaves and paired berries in wreath; worn specimens may not show berries. First obv. reappears in 866–68; second var. is Crosby, Pl. V, 14; third is exceedingly rare, and always shows a break at (C)O.

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION), 1989

11.3-K 1787 R8

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

40) 1787 M.11.3-K Good/Very Good detail. "UNIQUE" in white ink at top of obverse. Reverse slightly off center to 6 o'clock and an edge dent at 6 o'clock reverse resulting in date veing obscured. Dark brown minutely granular surfaces. SEE COLOR PHOTO

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1968

LOT # 1225

M.11.3-K. About Good, weakly struck and porous; 1 OF 6 pieces. LOT BROUGHT $93.50

NOTE - LOT NOT SEEN - MISATTRIBUTED ???

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN 1985

40) 1787 M.11.3-K Good/Very Good detail. "UNIQUE" in white ink at top of obverse. Reverse slightly off center to 6 o'clock and an edge dent at 6 o'clock reverse resulting in date being obscured. Dark brown minutely granular surfaces.

ANS Collection Connecticut Coppers

11.3-K

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

12-Q

GROUP IV

Same Hubs, FUGIO Type Letters And Numerals.

The Extremely Rare 1787/1877 IN DE

Possibly Finest Known

96 **1787. M. 12–Q.** R–6. Two cinquefoils in legend; CONNEC originally misspelled CONNC., the EC cut over C. Rev. Branch divides IN DE. Cinquefoils begin and end legend. Date blundered, 1787 over 1877. **Extremely Fine, light reddish brown** natural gloss, one obv. and three rev. flan defects, one affecting first 7. Minor local weaknesses attributable to heavy quadruple clash marks. **Probably finest known of this great rarity;** considerably sharper than the Norman Bryant coin which was called EF, the ANS coin, or the Fine piece in New Netherlands 51st sale which was then thought to be the finest. Dr. Ruby had only a VG example, which nevertheless brought $160 on the floor; the Bowers list included only well worn examples. **It is dubious if as many as 20 specimens survive in all grades, but it is certain that the vast majority are much worn. (Photo)**

$375 TO D. PARTRICK **($500.–up)**

EAC '75

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VERY RARE OVERDATE BLUNDER, 1787 OVER 1877

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

343 Group IV. Similar, smaller letters as on FUGIO coins. $300 **M. 12–Q.** Branch divides IN DE; overdate **1787/1877, a corrected blunder.** R–6. Later die state than lot 96; heavier break from B to pole, extra break from rim almost to branch hand. **Some details of VF sharpness, others Fine,** CONNEC weak as usual from die failure; usual defective planchet, partly porous purplish brown patina. As the overdate is completely clear, this remains desirable to type collections. Sharper than the Bryant, ANS, New Netherlands 51st, or Ruby coins. Ex T. L. Craige, April 1971; Alan Kessler coll. **(Photo)**

$300 **($300.–up)**

EAC '75

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BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

Second 1787 M 12-Q

$302.50 OK FOR GRADE BIT DARK MOTTLED FEW FLAWS TAYLOR

2422 **1787 Connecticut. M 12-Q. Mailed Bust Left.** 146.3 grains. R-5. Overall, F-15. Dark golden brown. Flan cracked at base of obverse, wider on the reverse. Blundered date plain. A later state of this reverse die, see above notes for description. Typical obverse weakness over ONN, here a little more severe as from a later state of the die.

MCLAUGHLIN & ROBINSON SALE SEPT 16, 1987

5 1787 M 12-Q MAILED BUST LEFT 146.3 GRAINS R5 DARK GOLDEN BROWN, TYPICAL CRACKED PLANCHET & WEAKNESS AT "ONN", BLUNDERED DATE VERY PLAIN... F15 EX: FREDERICK B. TAYLOR/BOWERS & MERENA 3/87: 2422

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

Third 1787 M 12-Q

$110 DATE OFF FLAN OFF-CENTER BID GOOD TAYLOR

2423 **1787 Connecticut. M 12-Q. Mailed Bust Left.** 119.5 grains. R-5. Overall, F-12. Off center, about 10%, as often seen on the variety. Dark golden brown; flawed, particularly on the reverse. Miller attribution number painted on the obverse.

Early reverse state, free from the rim break touching through B. Also earlier than usually seen obverse state, die obviously clashed, but XX clear and CO would have been clear had the flan been properly positioned between the dies. It is quite possible that the early state, as this specimen illustrates, is later than the usually seen late states.

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

LOT

2412 12-Q. 146.8 grains. R-5. Sharpness of G-4, quite porous, cleaned (Total 5 pieces)

1 OF 5 PIECES TAYLOR

12 - Q

STACK'S "MASS. HIST. SOC. OCT 23, 1970 'MHS'

135 **1787 Miller 12-Q.** Rarity 4. **The overdate.** Mailed bust left. Extremely Fine. A splendid example of this scarce and popular coin which has the first 7 of the date clearly cut over an 8, and INDE spaced IN DE with the branch in the space between. A late state of the dies showing the reverse breaks clearly and CONNEC showing the effects of clashing. All details sharp and clear with two of the three grapevines showing. The overdate is very sharp. One of the best examples we've handled. A warm light brown. **PLATE**

$160 —

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1787 M 12-Q

1787/1887 Error

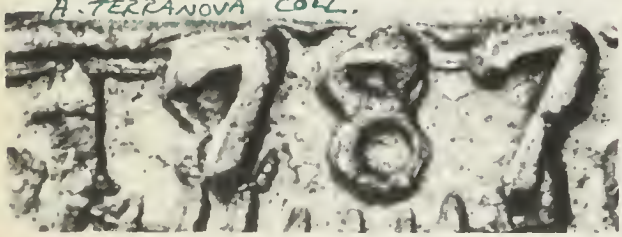
Among Finest Known

NICE AU50

TAYLOR

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

A. TERRANOVA COLL.



$1,760 —

2421 **1787 Connecticut. M 12-Q. Mailed Bust Left.** 121.5 grains. R-5. Overall, AU-50. Uniform golden brown, with faded mint lustre in the first word on the obverse. Typically weak at ONN on the obverse, the die damaged at this position by clashing with the reverse. This is seen on all specimens of 12-Q known to the cataloguer. The obverse surface is smooth and free from porosity, while the reverse is somewhat granular across Liberty's torso. Obverse as sharp as the Garrett specimen, overall, both obverse and reverse sharper than the Pine Tree E.A.C. specimen or the earlier Stack's M.H.S. and later Stack's Roper examples. State arms on the reverse as sharply struck as ever seen. All known examples are on planchets defective in one way or another.

[illegible] specimen of the intermediate reverse die state, the break from rim through B extending only to the base of that letter. A later state may be seen in the next lot, with the break extending through the base of the B and touching the fold which drapes [illegible] shield. The earlier state, without any trace of the diebreak, may be seen in [illegible] 42, the third specimen of this combination collected by Taylor, Stack's Roper [illegible] 4. [illegible] this earlier state, free from the diebreak, while the Pine Tree E.A.C. [illegible] appear to have been [illegible] intermediate state, and the Stack's M.H.S. example [illegible] later state, with the break widening above the B and reaching to [illegible] drapery.

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

1787 M 12-Q

1787/1887 Error

264.00

165 **1787/1887 "Overdate" error. Connecticut copper. M 12-Q.** Mailed Bust Left. **VF-30. Rarity-5.** 146.1 grains. Die alignment: 190°. Very attractive, with "overdate" details plainly evident to the unaided eye. Advanced states of the dies, with reverse cracks extending from the rim toward Liberty's hand and from the rim through the B in LIB to the drapery at the shield. Uniform medium brown with mahogany tones on the design details. Obverse planchet crack seen at 5:00, extending through the rim to a corresponding area on the reverse, affecting the E in INDE; all known examples are on planchets defective in one way or another. Typical obverse weakness at ONN, with a corresponding bulge resulting from die failure in that area. A visually appealing specimen of this very scarce and popular issue, with design details and surface highlights much finer than the grade implies.

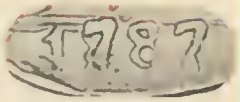
12-Q

STACK'S "ROPER COLL" DEC 7, 1983

NICE XF

ROPER

VLACK PLATE (1945) REV. Q



ROBERT MARTIN

Lot No 242

(242) **1787/1887 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 12-Q. 123.7 grains. The second of the two **overdates**, and also **very rare**. For some reason this variety is inevitably struck on a defective planchet, but this example is much better than most. In this case a defect affects only CONNEC. Otherwise all details are sharp and clear, including the reverse figure and the grapevines. A lighter brown planchet than the previous coin, with very little evidence of wear. **Very Fine.** $770-

230-
700-

"STACK'S "SALE DEC 3, 1971

68 1787 Miller 12-Q. The **OVERDATE** with divided **IN DE.** Rare. Very well centered and very sharply struck on an excellent planchet. The overdate (the first 7 over an 8) is surprisingly sharp. This overdate feature was not mentioned by Miller. Perhaps his specimen didn't show it clearly as it was only in Good condition (see Elder Sale of the Miller Collection, May 26-29, 1920, lot 1884). This superb example shows every detail in full sharpness. There is some minor encrustation at NEC and the right side of the mail. An early die state without even a hint of the reverse die break. Surpassing even our Massachusetts Historical Society offering (lot 135). It is very doubtful that a better specimen exists. Extremely Fine. A lovely even chestnut brown color. Ex Yale Collection. **PLATE**

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1787 Connecticut Miller 12-Q

BOWERS "GARRETT" SALE OCT 1, 1980

COIN WORLD ENCY. PLATE

GARRETT

BREEN PLATE (280)

1356 **1787 Connecticut. Miller 12-Q.** 127.3 grains. **Rarity-5** as a variety but of incalculable rarity in the present condition offered here: **AU.** It is far, far finer than any other seen by Richard Picker or ourselves or, for that matter, any which have been reported.

This particular variety is of added interest as the second numeral of the date is cut over an erroneous 8, making the date 1787 over 1887! On this particular coin the full overdate is very sharp.

Perfectly centered with full denticles on obverse and reverse. A sharp, even striking which brings out the three grapevines on the shields, a feature rarely seen. Struck on a clean glossy planchet. With IN DE separated by the branch and hand, similar to the 5 P. Highly desired by the type collector as well as the die variety specialist. A pleasing chestnut brown coin. One which will capture the imagination of the Connecticut enthusiast and will forever be remembered in the lore of the series.

Obtained by John Work Garrett from the Col. James W. Ellsworth Collection. OPEN $225- SOLD $2,400-

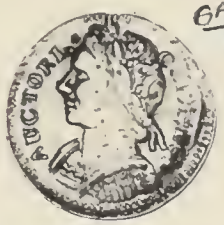
BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1987)

4. Triplet Head, Wheat Ear; Small Letters, Cinquefoils

780 1787/1877 Branch hand divides IN DE. Very scarce. M. 12-Q. CONNEC corrected from CONNC. Obv. reused in **869.** Usually in low grades. Garrett:1356, "AU," $2,400, 127.3 grs. = 8.249 gms.

GARRETT # 1356

BREEN PLATE



Ex J. W. Garrett: 1356. Courtesy Bowers & Ruddy Galleries, Inc

BOWER'S 'ARNOLD & ROMISA SEPT 17-19, 1984

LOT # 629

1787 diagonal 1877 diecutting error "overdate." Miller 12-Q 1. Scarce. Very Good. Overdate feature sharp;

1 OF 4 PIECES

12 - Q

BOWER'S "TUROFF SALE" OCT 2, 1976

574 1787 Mailed Bust Left. 12-Q (R-4). Reverse clumsily done, with branch hand widely dividing IN DE and with ETLIB crowded. Fine. $75 —

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

2511 1787 Connecticut. M 12-Q. VF-30. Rarity-5. 109.1 grains. 27.6mm. 230°. Golden brown. Interesting "overdate" variety. Date originally and incorrectly punched as 1887, corrected to 1787. Typical obverse date, ONN indistinct due to clashing (Taylor: 2421, 2422, and all others). An interesting question is, does the perfect obverse die state exist? Reverse early state, break in B a faint line not reaching far above that letter. Reverse flaw beneath shield; edge ragged. DARK BROWN & TAN ONLY FINE NORWEB
Purchased circa 1913-1915.

440 —

STACK'S "NORMAN BRYANT" FEB 2, 1973

WHT. 135.7 GRAINS

Lot No. 13

13 1787 Connecticut. Miller 12-Q. Rority 4. Extremely Fine. The 2nd of the Connecticut overdates. The 1st 7 is over an 8 (very sharp). This popular voriety is more difficult to find than Miller's Rarity 4 indicates. The reverse is sharp with virtually no pitting, but there is a flaw in the central figure. $200 —

STACK'S "T. HENRY ALLEN SALE" FEB 4, 1977

32 1787 Miller 12-Q. Rarity 4. The 1787/1887 overdate. The first 7 is over an 8 (very sharp). This popular variety is more difficult to find than Miller's Rarity 4 indicates. The reverse is sharp with virtually no pitting, but there is a flaw in the central figure. **Extremely Fine.** Ex Bryant Sale, February 2, 1973, lot 13. AT $200 —

$200 —

STACK'S "ROBISON SALE" FEB 10, 1982

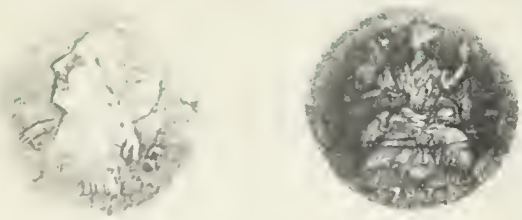
GOOD COLOR PLANCHET DEFECT & STRAIE VF/XF (30-40)

Lot No. 127

R. MARTIN — D. MENCHELL AT $200 —

127 1787 **Mailed Bust Left.** M.12-Q. From our February 4, 5, 1977 sale, lot 32, described as, "The 1787/1887 overdate. The first 7 is over an 8 (very sharp). This popular variety is more difficult to find than Miller's Rarity 4 indicates. The reverse is sharp with virtually no pitting, but there is a flaw in the central figure. **Extremely Fine.** Ex Bryant Sale, February 2, 1973, lot 13." AT $200 —

$360 —



$500 — KAGIN'S SALE # 313 SEPT 29, 30, 1978

1641 1787 1879 M. 12-Q. Rarity 6. Date blundered. CONNEC originally misspelled CONNC. The EC cut over C. IN & DE divided by branch. FUGIO TYPE LETTERS. EXTREMELY FINE-45 medium reddish brown surfaces. Flaw defects, as usual, but not major. Overdate easily recognizable. FINEST KNOWN! Better than Pine Tree (EF+), ANS (VF), Bryant (F+), New Netherlands 51st (F) Ruby (VG). Breen states "only 20 still survive in all grades, of which most are very worn." 1,000

CONDITION CENSUS QUALITY??

Rare Early Die State!

ROSA AMERICANA FPLMC, 1992

32 1787/1877 Connecticut. Miller 12-Q Rarity-5 126.6 grains Extremely Fine Well struck, with full legends, most of the date (the first two digits slightly weak), and most of the finer design details. What makes this coin incredible, though, is that it is struck on a glossy, medium brown planchet with just a few small planchet laminations on the obverse side; the reverse is completely free of any sort of planchet imperfection! The veteran Connecticut copper collector will immediately recognize the combination of grade and planchet quality as a great rarity, as even the highest condition examples are usually found struck on wretched planchets, or, are dark and granular in appearance, the present coin is a most welcome exception to that rule! Even more interesting to the collector is the fact that the present coin is also one of the earliest die states that we have ever seen, with just a hint of die clashing on the obverse, the legends are full, including CONNEC (which is almost always seen with CONNE obliterated from the heavy clash marks), and, the reverse die is perfect! In the Norweb sale, Michael Hodder asked "An interesting question is, does the perfect obverse die state exist?" The present coin is the closest that we've ever been able to come to answering in the affirmative! High in the Condition Census, and, aesthetically more appealing than most of the AU examples that have appeared on the market. One of the most important pieces in this offering, certain to add to even the finest collection of Connecticut coppers! $795

In The Colonial Newsletter, March, 1980, noted collector Donn Pearlman presented an extensive study of this variety, listing just 22 examples then known. In the ensuing years, a number of new specimens have appeared, mostly in low grades, resulting in the rarity ratings being dropped to a Rarity-5. We know of the following high grade examples

1) The Garrett coin, About Uncirculated
2) The Taylor specimen, About Uncirculated
3) The Dechsner piece, Extremely Fine/About Uncirculated
4) The present coin, Extremely Fine
5) The EAC '75 coin, called finest known, Extremely Fine
6) The Robison specimen, Extremely Fine, flaws, ex Norman Bryant collection
7) An example in NASCA's sale of April, 1981, Extremely Fine, called "Tied for second finest known"
8) The Massachusetts Historical Society coin, Stack's October, 1970, Extremely Fine
9) Stack's February, 1973, later Stack's February, 1977, Extremely Fine

12-Q

On Donn Pearlman's SURVEY of THREE CONNECTICUT COPPERS (TN-90A)

● from Donald G. Partrick; Central Islip, New York

I don't always respond to numismatic census taking because, quite often, the takers who purportedly research for fellow numismatists keep the facts to themselves and use the information for their own gainful purpose. Many of our so-called researchers, and some famous names I might add, are "so very busy I cannot seem to get time to publish the facts in the proper manner they should be done". Sometimes these researchers delay for years, using the knowledge they have gained for their own personal benefit in acquiring additional or more highly graded specimens. In this instance I applaud Donn Pearlman's revelation of facts in his Connecticut research. I apparently missed his original call for information and so I now help fill in.

Regarding the 1787 over 1877 Miller 12-Q Connecticut -- please be advised I was the purchaser of Lot No. 96, Early American Coppers Sale of February 15, 1975. My envelope notes the price realized was $375.00.

In the interest of finding out whether this was, in fact, the probable or actual finest known specimen of this variety, I went to the bank and visited the piece. Going by strick Sheldon grading criteria, I call the piece XF 45, exactly as it was represented at the sale. In the real world of commercialism, this can possibly be called UNC, Super Gem UNC and any of those other dollar adjectives invented by our sometimes over-zealous dealers.

The piece is well centered obverse and reverse; color, a lovely tan; no spots or stains. The obverse and reverse fields are loaded with mint luster. The shoulder of the male bust is fully struck up and luster covers every detail. The hair of the bust and the high points of the seated figure on the reverse are not fully struck up. Also those particular not too well struck high points show that brassy color rubbing evidence, perhaps caused by cabinet friction. There are no nicks or scratches that might give clues of circulation.

It is easy to contemplate that this might have been the Almost Uncirculated specimen referred to in descriptive matter of Donn's compilation about a possible other coin extant. Very probably it is the same coin.

But, for my purposes, I am satisfied with "Extremely Fine 45, Possibly Finest Known" for this piece. That it might be called AU or better by others is just fine, but XF 45 is the grade it will keep while it reposes with me What my heirs or future appraisers or auctioneers may decide, I hope will not be decided for many years to come.

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ROSA AMERICANA FPL "C", 1992

ANOTHER CHOICE MILLER 12-Q
The Dr. Hall Example!

(33) 1787/1877 Connecticut, Miller 12-Q, another 105.7 grains. Very Fine, another piece struck on a warm, chocolate brown planchet, though with several small obverse laminations and a few on the reverse, though still cleaner than usually seen. Struck from the usually seen die state, the extensive clashing has rendered most of CONNE weak, the rest of the legends and the date are sharp. The present coin is the DR. THOMAS HALL collection, with his white ink attribution on the edge (as 12 Q-1), this example has been off the market for the last 40 years, having been in the same collection that yielded a small handful of Dr. Hall coins on our third fixed price list. Most notably, the Hessberg collection, which included a number of Dr. Hall pieces had only a Good example; the Roper and Norweb coins, also VF, were slightly less appealing. Another choice coin for the collector, matched by an impeccable pedigree! ... $399

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall, Virgil Brand (purchased in 1909), New Netherland's Coin Company, purchased by a private collector in 1952, and off the market for the last four decades!

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

1787 M 12-Q

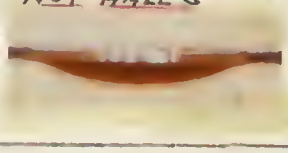
1787/1887 Error

275.00

(333) **1787/1887 Connecticut copper. M 12-Q. Mailed Bust Left. F-12,** perhaps slightly finer for the issue. **Rarity-5.** 105.0 grains. Die alignment: 220°. The scarce and popular variety with first 7 in date punched over an erroneously placed 8. From typical obverse state, with severe clash in the area of CONN, and a large interior die break at the tops of NNE. M 12-Q is frequently found on rough planchets. While mildly fissured, the example offered here is not as rough as generally seen. Indeterminate reverse die state, owing to planchet fissure at edge above B, which obscures any sign of a die crack. Attribution number painted on edge. NOT GENUINE

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall; Virgil M. Brand (purchased in 1909); New Netherlands Coin Company; private collector in 1952; in that collection since then. J- ROCK LIST

WHITE INK ON EDGE
NOT HALL'S



KINGSWOOD GALLERIES' FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6528 **1787/1887 Connecticut copper "overdate" variety. M 12-Q. Mailed Bust Left. G-6/VG-8. Rarity-5.** 120.5 grains. A glossy, medium tan specimen struck slightly off center on both sides, as often seen for this variety. Typical obverse weakness at CONNEC, the die damaged at this position by clashing with the reverse. Intermediate reverse die state with die break extending from the base of B in LIB, but not yet touching the drapery. Blundered date details plainly evident to the unaided eye. A tiny reverse fissure is noted for accuracy. Scarce and desirable; worthy of strong bidder consideration.

121.00

COIN GALLERIES' PICKER REF. COLL' 7/22/92

2642 Pair of distinct 1787 MBL coppers. **M 12-Q.** 1787 1887 "Overdate" variety. R-5. 119.8 gns. Fine where struck up. Reverse rim flawed at 9 o'clock. States as Roper:242, no break on reverse rim to B. "Overdate" not visible; ~~**M 14-H.** Pheons at date (the only variety so). R-4. 160.6 gns. Sharpness of Choice Fine. Heavily flawed on reverse. Obverse clip at 11:30. Reverse die failing under second E.~~ 2 pieces.

39.00 OK COLOR VG

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

(*976) **1787 M.12-Q. MBL.** "1787/1887" variety. Rarity 5. Technically Extremely Fine. 156.4 gns. Even deep olive brown. Both surfaces very granular, some pitting both sides. Rim flaws at upper left peripheries obverse and reverse. Reverse rim bruise below feet. Full 'error'' date visible. This would be a Condition Census coin if not for the granularity. Die states a little later than the Taylor coin's, a cud now formed at rim opposite branch hand.

From the Hillyer Ryder-F.C.C. Boyd Collection. NO TICKET

180 – 400 – 440.00

(976)

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

970 **1787 ~~M.4-L. MBL.~~** ~~Another. Rarity 1. Fine. 130.6 gns. Black-brown, granular. Early obverse state, "horn" here just a cusp;~~ **~~1787 M.9-D. MBL.~~** ~~Rarity 5. Very Good/Fine. 143.8 gns. Olive brown, obverse off center and granular. Die states as Taylor:2413;~~ **~~1787 M.9-R. MBL.~~** ~~Rarity 5. Good. 109.3 gns. Olive green, very granular. 1787/8 date illegible. Die states uncertain;~~ **~~1787 M.11.2-K. MBL.~~** ~~Strong Fine. 125.3 gns. Olive green and brown. Obverse lightly striated; reverse off center. Obverse break at CT not as advanced as on Taylor:2420;~~ **1787 M.12-Q. MBL.** Rarity 5. About Good. Gray brown. Deeply flawed and laminated. Reverse scratched. 1787/1887 date barely legible. States as Taylor:2421; ~~**1787 M.15-F. MBL.** CONNECT. Rarity 4. Fine. 88.7 gns. Pale tan. Reverse flawed through date, off center. Just base of second obverse T visible.~~ **6 pieces.**

120.00 180.00 198.00

BOWERS M.H.S. SALE NOV 18, 1994

3181 **A selection of Connecticut coppers,** ~~including several popular va-~~

☆ 1787/1887 M 12-Q. Mailed Bust Left. G-4. Rarity-5. 115.1 grains. An advanced die state of this scarce "overdate." Natural flan flaw on the obverse from 10:00 to effigy's forehead; virtually all examples of this die combination display flan flaws of one type or another. Advanced reverse state, with die crack from rim through B in LIB extending to the shield. Obverse swelling behind effigy's shoulder. Deep brown surfaces display uniform porosity ☆ 1 OF 7 PIECES

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STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

500-
825-

Lot No. 1077

JUST AUSO
U/DEFECTS
DEFECTS NOT BAD
LATE DIE STATE
REDDISH BROWN

OECHSNER JIM GOUDGE

1077 **1787 Miller 12-Q.** Mailed bust left. **(R-5).** The "1787 over 1887" variety. 127.2 grains. **About Uncirculated,** very little wear. Well centered, with full denticles. Laced with planchet defects on both sides, but full strong date with the erroneous 8 clear. Extensive die clashing marks at the rims and obverse legend. Medium reddish brown and olive, glossy surfaces. *(SEE COLOR PLATE)*

$907.50

Ex F.C.C. Boyd, privately.

PINE TREE "GENA '76" OCT 1, 1976

INDE. 1787/1877

SEE BOWERS 1991 ANA SALE LOT 50 1 OF 3 PIECES

16 **1787.** M. 12-Q (R-6). **Fine+, some details VF.** Light brown patination, darker in places; some planchet defects, more on Obv. than Rev. Compare with lots 96 (EF at $375) and 343 (F-VF at $300) in our 1975 E.A.C. sale. 50-00

$50-

Inde. 1787/1877

PINE TREE "BREEN III", JUNE 19, 1978

222 **1787** M. 12-Q (R-6). **Fine+, some details VF.** Light brown patination, darker in places, some planchet defects, more on Obv. than Rev. Compare with lots 96 (EF at $375) and 343 (F-VF at $300) in our 1975 E.A.C. sale. EX LOT # 16 1-76 50.00 **($125-150)** 70 00

$70-

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

1382 **1787 Miller 12-Q** (R-5). 120 grains. Crude porous planchet, possibly buried at one time. Reverse somewhat sharper than obverse, error overdate 1787/8. Dark brown. Good. GREEN ENCRUSTED

44.00

TIED FOR 2ND FINEST KNOWN

NASCA "KEESLER-SPANGENBERGER" APRIL 28-29, 1981

2218 **1787/1877.** M.12-Q. (R-6.) **Strong EF. (Photo)**

625-

Light reddish-brown, reverse somewhat deeper than obverse; CONNEC recut over CONNC; quadruple die clashing at right with weakness at back of head and Connec as a result, as well as on reverse center and lower right. These characteristics match those of Lot 96 in the Pine Tree EAC Sale of 1975, but on this specimen the nose, eye and hair are somewhat sharper and the obverse planchet defects are in left field and hair, not on cheek. The reverse has several planchet defects, but none as severe as the EAC piece; the central part of Liberty is sharper and the staff is complete; and the crucial date is sharp and clear on all four digits with the 8 beneath the first 7 particularly sharp (whereas the EAC piece had a planchet flaw right across that digit!). Not, of course, a match for the beautifully struck Garrett AU specimen at $2400, though the head on reverse is sharper. Overall a firm R-8 in this condition and should be worth more than the $375 the EAC piece realized more than 6 years ago.

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SUPERIOR 1975 A.N.A. SALE AUG 19, 1975
LOT # 17 AT $80-

17

Very Rare Blundered Date 1787/1877

SUPERIOR'S "DR. RUBY SALE" FEB 11, 1974

59 $160-

1787/1877 (corrected blunder). Mailed bust left, standard 1787-88 type, punctuated with cinquefoils; reverse "wheat ear" type, legend IN DE. ETLIB. Miller 12–Q. This famous die blunder not listed by the Guidebook, though it should be. Better than Very Good, some details Fine; the weakness at ONN is from a die injury and is always present on the variety. Very rare, a full Rarity 6. Ex Katen sale, April 29, 1949, lot 96. PHOTO

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COIN GALLERIES SALE AUG 20, 1986 UG.442

1350 1787/1877 M.12-Q (R-6). "IN DE." Very Good, weak centers as usual; the overdate and reverse legend clear, the obverse legend at right worn off. (We note that both the EAC and the Kessler specimens were very weak at right obverse). It is estimated that the surviving population of M.12-Q is less than 20 pieces, several of which show little or nothing of the overdate. To find both this and the M.9-R in the same offering may occur only once in a decade! 170.50

170.50

STACK'S SALE MAY 13, 1982

47 1787 M.12-Q. The popular overdate variety, with 1787 cut over 1877. Some light even porosity, clear overdate. Fine. EDGE NICK, OK

130

PAUL KAGIN LIST, APR. 1984

1787 M B1 M 12-Q Rarity 6 Very good 50.00

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LEPCZYK SALE FEB 18, 1985

* 8 - 1787/1887. Connecticut. M. 12-Q, R-5. Medium brown Fine, struck off center. JOHN SYPE 175

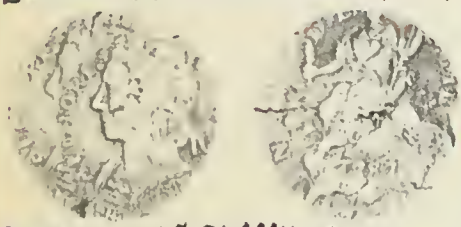
BOWERS "1991 ANA SALE" AUG 14, 1991

55 Trio of 1787 Connecticut coppers. M 12-Q. "1787/1887." Rarity-5. Die progression set: ☆ VF-30, rough, flawed. Obverse off center about 5% as often seen. 124.4 grains. Obverse with signs of early clash, CONNEC full; reverse perfect ☆ VF-20, flawed. 105.1 grains. Obverse later state of the clash, CONN obscure, cud over NE, final cinquefoil failing; reverse die perfect ☆ F-12. 118.0 grains. States as the second piece described, but now with cud over EC and cinquefoil reaching to bust; reverse die broken from rim through stand of B. (Total: 3 pieces)

935.00

The first from Pine Tree Auction Company/Breen III (6/1978):222.

BOWER'S RCR #52 JUNE, 1984



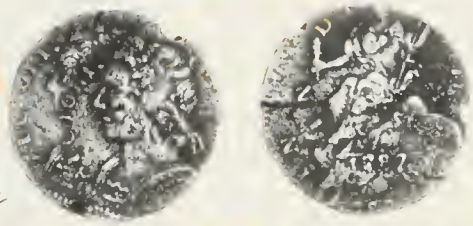
BOWER'S RCR #51 APRIL, 1984

1787 Connecticut. *Mailed Bust left* style. Miller--12-Q. A spectacularly double struck piece with two dates, two appearances of AUCTORI, and doubled other features. Struck on a split planchet. Here is one which probably was in the "discard pile" but which, somehow, made it into circulation! Certainly a spectacular piece. Very Fine DON PEARLMAN 495.00

BOWER'S "1991 ANA SALE" AUG 14, 1991

1787 Connecticut M 12-Q

Shift Double Struck



715.00

56 1787 Connecticut copper. M 12-Q, "1787/1887." Rarity-5. VF-30. Shift double struck, the first strike correctly placed, the second shifted on a west-east axis by 35%. Die states uncertain, due to double striking. Light brown on both sides. Remarkably flawed and laminated! The planchet is cracked horizontally across the reverse, the crack nearly extending the entire depth of the flan, with a central flaw which appears to penetrate the coin. Arising from the reverse flaw is a remarkable lamination which includes nearly 20% of the entire reverse surface. In addition, there are several edge flaws and chips on both sides. How this piece ever managed to survive its striking, vagaries of distribution, and the subsequent 200 years, not to mention whatever rudimentary quality control must have been exercised at the mint at the time, is nearly beyond explanation. This is a remarkable, mysterious Connecticut copper which will probably mystify its new owner as much as it does the present cataloguer.

1787 M. 12-Q "1787/1877 Blundered Overdate". "Double Struck". First strike 10% off center towards 6 o'clock. Second strike 15% off center towards 12 o'clock. Very Fine. Few scattered spots of verdigris. Via Mike Ringo. Previous provenance unknown. R. MARTIN COLLECTION WHT. 108.8 GRAINS

BOWER'S CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE NOV 14, 1990

#5671 ☆ M 12-Q. Rarity-5. AG-3/G-6, date obscured. 121.6 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2421 1 OF 9 PIECES

357.50

BOWER'S CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE NOV 14, 1990

#5670 ☆ M 12-Q. "1787/1887" variety. Rarity-5. VF-20, flan clipped at top obverse. 127.4 grains. Obverse about equal to Taylor:2421; reverse later, break from rim to before head now a cud at rim 1 OF 10 PIECES

495.00

RARE COIN REVIEW #14, APRIL, 1972

1787 over 1887. The first 8 in the date is cut over a previous erroneous 7. Miller 12-Q (R-4). Good $9.00; VG $19.00; Abt. Fine #14. 39.00

1787/77 Connecticut copper. Miller 12-Q (R-6). Fair with a severe planchet defect resulting in a 3 mm hole in the center of the coin. Rare variety, and popular because of the blunder. An opportunity for the collector to pick up a cheap example until a better piece comes along. Available at BOWERS R.C.R. #37, APR. 1981 49.00

D. LINETT SALE OCT 16, 1984

77 1787/1877, 12-Q, R-5, Extremely Fine and very rare so nice. A Condition Census coin and one of the finest known of this variety. Interesting variety as the recut date is over an erroneous "8", which is sharp and clear on this coin. Above average planchet and nice color. Rare!... 1800.

12-Q

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION), 1989

12-Q	179[illegible]	[illegible]	R[illegible]	Planchet [illegible]
12-Q	1787		R6	
12-Q	1787		R6	
12-Q	[illegible]		R6	Tapered [illegible] with [illegible]
12-Q	[illegible]	[illegible]	R[illegible]	Edge wear. [illegible]
12-Q	1787	Vg/Vg		Holed. Clear overdate.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

41) 1787 M.12-Q Very Good-10. Dark brown fields with devices highlighted. "CONNEC" mostly obscured due to quadruple die clashing. Late die state with break at "B" in LIB. Overdate clear.

42) 1787 M.12-Q Fine/Very Fine (15-18). Early die state before quadruple die clashing. ("CONNEC" clear and legible) A few scattered flan defects most notable at rim to branch hand and at 2 o'clock rim on reverse. Some light planchet striae in left obverse field. Light charcoal brown. (No Provenance)

NEW NETHERLAND'S 51st SALE, JUNE 18, 1958

87 1787. Moiled bust l. Rev. Bronch hond divides IN DE; blundered dote **1787 over 1877! M. 12-Q.** Fine for coin, os it is struck from bodly injured ond broken dies; (Miller knew none so for odvonced). Steel color. The finest exomple of the type thot we hove encountered; of the other 6 or 7 seen, two of them ore in the A.N.S., one wos holed, the others more worn. Ex Breen coll. **($25.00)**
15

NEW NETHERLAND'S 51st SALE, JUNE 18, 1958

88 Duplicote 1787 over 1877. More or less Very Good, injured obv. die. A well hondled, slightly defective coin, with the surfoces very lightly roughened. Still, **R-7.** Also ex Breen. **($10.00)**
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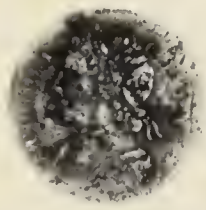
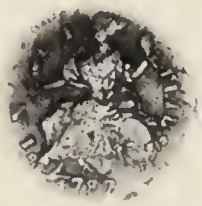
Miller's "Q" reverse is one of only two known overdate reverses. The other is his "R" which hos 1787 over 1788 (olso on engrover's blunder); see types VI(f) ond (h) following the description of lot 85 (M. 9-R ond 15-R).

SEE "MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN" "C4 GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995 LOT# 139

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976





WHT. 112.2 GRAINS — R. MARTIN - D. MENCHELL

53 1787/1877 Mailed Bust Left IN DE, M #12-Q (R-6) Overdate. VERY FINE-30, dark with minor corrosion and surface marks. High condition census.
$170

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

54 $25 1787/1877 Mailed Bust Left IN DE, M #12-Q (R-6) Overdate. GOOD-4, slightly off center with minor corrosion. Typical grade for this coin.

ROSA AMERICANA LIST# 4, 1991

ROSA AMERICANA LIST# 3, 1990

42. **1787/1887. Miller 12-Q, Breen 780. Rarity-5. Triplet Head, Branch hand divides IN DE. 113.4 grains, 27.5mm. Good or slightly better,** struck on the usual highly defective planchet, with a small chunk missing at K-9. CONNE and the last digit of the date are weak [the former most likely from clashed dies, as almost always found on the variety, the latter from a defect], though the all-important overdate is discernible with a lot of patience.....$34

Early die state, no break through B on the reverse.

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

.50 1884 1787. Head l. AUCTORI. . CONNEC. Rx. Lib. l. IN—DE. ET LIB . . Cr. 12-Q. G. Rarity 5.

.20 2111 1787. C. 12-Q. ; ~~13-D~~ Avg. G. 5 pcs.

STACK'S SALE MAY 13, 1982

64 1787 M.12-Q (weak date); ~~1787 M.16.2-NN.1, D.B.L. (date missing); 1787 M.37.5-c, D.B.L., 1788 M.16.1-D, (3 scratches). Condition ranges from~~ Good to Fine. Lot of 4 pieces. 55
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12-Q

STEVE HAYDEN FIXED PRICE LIST #2 OCT, 1996

12 Conn 1787 M.B.L. M.12-Q R5 VG 108.3 grains. "1787/1887" overdate variety. Brown with darker surfaces creating a nice two tone effect. Full but weak date, overdate is visible. Two small obverse flaws at rim. Reverse scratch parallel to branch. Die state as Taylor. 85.00

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.12-Q
VERY FINE, DARK
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION

1787 12-Q WHT. 157.5 GR. F/VF DARK BROWN

N. PULLEN 5/80 - R. MARTIN 3/87 - D. MITUZAS

R. MARTIN COLLECTION

1787 M.12-Q 1787/1877 Blundered Overdate. Very Fine(30). Few scattered obverse planchet flaws. Nice reddish brown with trace of green verdigris on obverse. White ink attribution on obverse field. WHT. 127.9 GR. LATE DIE STATE.

1787 M.12-Q 1787/1877 Blundered Overdate. Fine(15). Dark brown with devices highlighted. WHT. 157.5 GR. R. MARTIN TO D. MITUZAS MARCH, 1987

MIKE RINGO LIST APRIL, 1987

15. 1787/1887 MBL, M.12-Q. Another example of this scarce overdate, grading Very Good with a bold date that clearly shows the repunched numeral. Tan surfaces with a few scattered marks and light defects..... 75.00

1787 12-Q VERY FINE DETAIL. CLEANED. DEFECT AFTER AUCTORI & AT 1 O'CLOCK RIM (EDGE) ON OBV. LIGHT REDDISH BROWN, DEVICES HIGHLIGHTED. LATE DIE STATE. M. RINGO (1991)

MIKE RINGO LIST, JULY, 1985

4. 1787/1877, M.12-Q. Fine, medium to dark brown with a bold overdate. A few minor defects and a couple old pinscratches are evident, otherwise a very acceptable example of a scarce major type..... 135.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #39 OCT, 1985

7. 1787/77 Overdate. Miller 12-Q, R-6. About Good/Good. Clear overdate. An inexpensive example of a very popular type. ($45)

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1979?

1787/1877, MBL, M.12-Q, (R-4), overdate, Very Good, natural crack in the flan at two o'clock obverse, otherwise decent details, and very sharp overdate.....75.00

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INFORMAL SURVEY BY DONN PEARLMAN

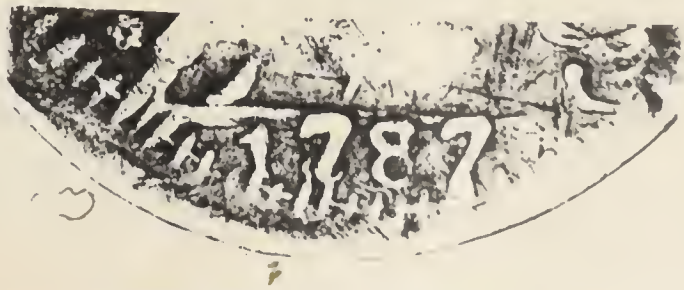
Miller 12-Q of 1787 --- Summary of Findings

In a recent auction catalog a specimen of this overdate variety was listed as "XF-45 Finest Known." One of the respondants to this survey, a very familiar name in the field but which will not be divulged -- annonymity was promised to all participants -- pointed out that he personally owned a 12-Q of 1787 that he described as being in Almost Uncirculated condition; by definition, in a higher grade than the "XF-45 Finest Known" described in the above auction catalog.

Now, either the respondant overgraded his own specimen when he possessed it (during the early 1960's), or the auction cataloger undergraded that very same coin while describing it in the auction catalog. OR - there are indeed two distinct and separate specimens here, one sold at the recent auction and described perhaps accurately as XF (but not the finest known) and the other specimen sold in the early 1960's which is apparently the finest known as far as this informal survey is concerned (but not available for actual inclusion in the survey count because the current unknown owner has not responded to the questionnaire).

A total of 22 separate specimens of 12-Q of 1787 overdate variety were tracked down. Six of them in Very Fine condition or better. Several of the higher grades exhibit planchet or die problems.

The 1975 EAC/Pine Tree catalog listed the 12-Q of 1787 as "R-6" with R-6 defined as approximately 13 to 20 known; again, others define that rarity as 13 to 30 known.



DATE ELEMENT --- 1787 over 1887

12-Q

QUANTITIES by GRADE

→ Grade ↓ VARIETY	Fair	About Good	Good	VG-G-VG G/VG G+	VG	Abt. Fine VG+ VG/F VG-F	Fine	VF-Fine + F/VF F-VF	VF	VF+ VF/XF	XF
12-Q of 1787	1		1	4	5		3	2	3	2	1

COL. NEWS MARCH, 1980 P. 712

Collections	12-Q of 1787 COIN # & GRADE	DATE ACQUIRED & COMMENTS
A	#1 VF	Cracked flan in two places, some lamination, but overall strong coin. Ex. New Jersey Historical Society. 1931
	#2 Good	Worn, weakly struck at right obverse, some corrosion. Pedigree unknown.
B	#3 VF	"I have owned three others including an AU sold in 1964 and a VF sold in 1967."
C	#4 Fine	Ex. Hall, Newcomer and E.H.R. Green. 1940
D	#5 F/VF	Date area not well struck. 1973
E	#6 Fair	1967
F	#7 VF+	ONN in CONNEC obliterated from die failure, scattered planchet defects, but very sharp overdate. 1976
	#8 VF+	Similiar to above. 1978
G	#9 VF	1937
	#10 VG	1940
	#11 VG	1945
	#12 Fine	1968
H	none	
I	none	
J	#13 Fine	"I have seen very few above Fine." 1974
	none	
L	none	
M	#14 VG	Ex. Norweb. 1954
	#15 VG	ONN very weak, reverse die break from edge through B. 1960
	#16 G-VG	ONN weak, reverse has several die breaks including one from edge across B to shield. 1952
N	#17 VG	Major planchet crack at 3:00 of obverse. Excellent, clear and sharp date. 1977
	#18 Fine+	Ex. Breen III. 1978
O	#19 G-VG	
P	#20 G-VG	1968
Q	#21 G-VG	

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #8 SPRING 1983

MILLER'S OWN EXAMPLE OF 1787 12-Q the 1787/1877 Overdate!

78 1787/1877 Connecticut, Miller 12-Q Ranty-5 114.8 grains Nearly Very Fine, some details fully of that grade level, others more like a solid Fine Nearly full obverse legends (as usual ONNEC of CONNEC is weak due to the extensive die clashing that is almost always seen on this variety), the reverse legends, as well as the all-important overdate are all sharp Even medium brown color, with a few light handling marks visible on the obverse, there is one long, thin planchet defect on the reverse that really does not detract PAINTED DIE VARIETY in the left obverse field, in Henry Miller's scrap, his notation "DUP" for "Duplicate" painted below the variety Although not one of the rarest pieces in this offering, it is a very important piece—one of only two overdates in the entire Connecticut series! Though not in the Condition Census for the variety, this is actually one of the most pleasing examples to be offered in recent years—the only nicer one we could find was the VF piece in the Somerset sale [later on Yesteryear Coin's price list as "About Extremely Fine" and priced at $425] This well-pedigreed specimen is available for a lot less money! $149

Besides the overdate the reverse die is exceptional in that it has the legend IN DE separated by Ms. Liberty's branch hand, the only other reverse die of any year with this configuration is 1787 reverse P, itself quite a rarity Another distinct type coin

Part of Lot #2111 of the Miller sale

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #8 SPRING, 1983

79 1787/1877 Connecticut, Miller 12-Q, another 139.3 grains Details of Fine or so, though parts of the reverse are fully of VF quality The strike is very good for the variety, with most of the finer design details quite sharp The legends are virtually complete, ONNE of CONNEC weak on the obverse due to the extensive die clashing that happened early in this pairings life The overdate is visible, though the first digit is a bit weak The surfaces are heavily and evenly rough on both sides, the obverse a little bit heavier, which obscures some detail The color is a medium brown, and aside from the roughness, there are no defects or damage All in all, a most respectable example of this rare variety always in demand because of the overdate Cheap $79

12-Q

COIN WORLD ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE 1990

SEE GARRETT #1356

1787/1887 copper
(Photo courtesy Bowers & Merena)

C.222. **1787/1887 Copper:** Mailed bust l., CONNEC, dot inside C; IND DE ET LIB. This and similar coins engraved by Benjamin Buell, most show cinquefoils as stops. M 12-Q, Taylor AU-50, $1,760.

BIENNIAL PAIRINGS OF CONNECTICUT OBVERSES — Sequential page 210

E. BARNSLEY

April 1968 — THE COLONIAL NEWSLETTER — Page 12

Obverse 12 of 1787

also known as

Obverse 8 of 1788

This is another die made from the much used hub mentioned in the preceding paragraph. In this case it was paired with 1787 reverse Q, and 1788 reverse K, which is a biennialism noticed by Hall (Page 6) as well as by Miller (Page 55). It should also be noted that this reverse K is one of the reverses paired with the biennial obverse described in the preceding paragraph. We presume that these pairings followed normal yearly sequence, because 12-Q is over ten times more common that 8-K. Although all observed strikings of this obverse are defaced to a greater or less extent by reverse die "clicking", it is impossible to ascertain in which year this feature is most pronounced, due to the fact that 8-K is such an extremely rare coin and the very few specimens preserved are in such miserable condition. So the scarcity factor alone probably indicates that the 1788 pairing was the terminal use of this die when it became unfit for further coining purposes.

THE BIZARRE LETTERING OF CONNECTICUT COPPERS

May 1972 — THE COLONIAL NEWSLETTER — Sequential page 356

MISCUT NUMBERS OVERCUT		
78 struck over 87	356	1787 reverse Q
7 struck over 8	356	1787 reverse R

A superficial study of Connecticut Coppers shows their legends to have been composed from a multiplicity of different kinds of letters, both as to size and style; a more detailed study reveals that many of their irregular letters are not the result of blundered dies, as generally considered, but rather they are the consequence of ingenious improvision due to lack of proper punches. Only rarely was overpunching used to correct a mispunched character. This was done in only two overdates: Reverse "Q" which has 1787 struck over 1877, and reverse "R" which has 1787 struck over 1788.

31 1787/1887 M12-Q 5 F 12 VG 8 — CONNECTICUT. MAILED BUST LEFT. Reddish-brown from an old cleaning. Smooth surfaces. Some planchet flaws and laminations on right obv. and rev. AVERAGE.

$190 EAC CONVENTION SALE MAY 4, 1986

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STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

145 **1787 M.12-Q.** "1787/1887," IN DE. Another. Fine, flawed, off center. 116.7 gns.; **M.13-D. MBL.** R-4. Strong Fine but rough and bent slightly. Miller number in a faded fine hand on obverse. 106.8 gns.; **M.14-H. MBL.** R-4. Strong Fine, cleaned. 107.1 gns.; **M.16.1-m. DBL.** R-4. Very Good/Fine, reverse flawed. 164.7 gns; **M.16.2-NN.1. DBL.** R-5. Very Good/Fine, granular. 148.1 gns; **M.18-g.1. DBL.** R-4 (underrated, possibly R-5 or 5+). About Fine/Very Good. Miller number in a coarse hand on obverse. 129.2 gns. **6** pieces.

30/ 300/ 330

BOWER'S 'HALPERN SALE' MARCH 24, 1995

3335 **Selection of Connecticut coppers,** including several popular varieties: ☆ 1785 African Head. M 4.1-F.4. G-6 to VG-8. Rarity-1. 122.4 grains. Typical weakness at rims. Deep tan surfaces ☆ 1787 Horned Bust. M 4-L. G-6. Rarity-1. 103.6 grains. Cleaned long ago. Surfaces are now steel brown with light porosity ☆ 1787 M 6.1-M. Laughing Head variety. G-4. Rarity-1. 100.0 grains. Sharpness approaching a much higher grade, but uniformly porous and dark. From an advanced state of the obverse die, with a diagonal crack running from second C in CONNEC diagonally upward through effigy's hair ☆ 1787/1887 M 12-Q. Mailed Bust Left. G-4. Rarity-5. 115.1 grains. An advanced die state of this scarce overdate. Natural flan flaw on the obverse from 10:00 to effigy's forehead; virtually all examples of this die combination display flan flaws of one type or another. Advanced reverse state, with die crack from rim through B in LIB extending to shield. Obverse swelling behind effigy's shoulder. Deep brown surfaces display uniform porosity ☆

1 OF 7 PIECES

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

M. 12-Q

160- 220- 242

138. M21 1787 CONNECTICUT M.12-Q MBL (R-5) VF25 126.8 gns. A major type, with 1787 punched over 1877. A pleasing example with the overdate bold. Nicely contrasting two tone chocolate brown on a basically smooth host planchet were it not for numerous striae and several small flaws, as a result of which the area at the left reverse rim in particular appears rough. CONNEC only partially struck up, with a striation near the rim at 3:00, a flaw at the rim at 6:00, and another over the O of AUCTORI. Reverse rotated 25 degrees.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

134 **1787 Connecticut coppers,** all save the last MBL. **M.4-L.** Another. Sharpness of Choice Extremely Fine, roughened in places, verdigris spots both sides. 120.7 gns. Full obverse "horn" break; **M.5-P. R-6** (underrated, probably really High R-6). IN DE. Basal/Very Good, holed. 101.4 gns. Miller number in a coarse hand on obverse; **M.9-D.** R-5 (underrated, probably really R-6). Very Good/Fine, obverse clip 12:30. 115.7 gns.; **M. 11.2-K.** R-3. Choice Very Fine, flawed, reverse clip and rim dents. 140.3 gns; **M.12-Q.** R-5. "1787/1887", IN DE. Strong Fine, flawed. 110.5 gns.; **M.17-g.3. Draped Bust Left.** Low R-4. Technically strong Fine to Very Fine, quite granular, old obverse scratches. 152.2 gns. **6** pieces.

55/ 300/ 330

BOWER'S "GREENWALD & JACKSON SALE" SEPT 11-13, 1995

3113 **1787/1887 M 12-Q. Mailed Bust Left. VF sharpness,** but porous and patinated. **Rarity-5.** 125.6 grains. Overdate details plainly evident. CONN weakened by clashing, reverse cracks from rim through B in LIB to the shield and then to the Liberty Pole; a second crack widens into the field between IN and DE.

100/ 110 121

SEE NEW ENGLAND (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976 LOT # 53
McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

235- 360- 396

139. M22 1787 CONNECTICUT M.12-Q MBL (R-5) VF30 112.3 gns. Another attractive example, again with a bold overdate. Also two tone, this time slightly darker shades of olive brown. A major flaw at the obverse top, a smaller one at 5:00, another at the rim 7:00. On the reverse flaws at Liberty's extended hand and E of INDE. An area of corrosion centered near the A of AUCTORI and assorted striae both sides. Some light toned scrapes on the obverse face. Extensive clashing visible at CONNEC. Excepting all the above the surfaces are rather hard and semi-glossy. Reverse rotated 45 degrees. This coin was lot 53 from New England Rare Coin Auction's 7/76 sale where it was plated. At the time called high condition census. That sale included an important variety collection with 181 lots of Connecticut coppers that some newer collectors of the series may not be aware of. Ticket not included.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST # 12 SPRING 1997

116 1877/1787 Connecticut. Miller 12-Q, the other overdate reverse. Rarity-5. 121.4 grains. Good, some dtails a bit sharper. The obverse has about half the legends visible, while the reverse has everything except for IN. The date is extremely weak, though udner magnification some of it can be made out Struck on an odd-shaped, slightly oblong planchet. Dark brown surfaces, slightly rough and with some minor hairlines at the center of either side. An extremely affordable example of a very difficult variety.....$39

13-D

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1987

80* **1787.** M. 13-D. R-4. AUCTORI* *CONNEC* Rev. An old Buel die from the hub with Ms. Liberty holding a wheat ear, eight crosslets in legend, a ninth ends the ornamental base of shield; this die is much rusted compared with its appearance in M. 9-D (below). **Very Fine, obv. sharper than rev. as usual, some details of obv. suggesting EF;** surfaces (rather light steel and olive) consistent with VF or better grade, traces of faded lustre around a few letters; few shallow obv. nicks, not affecting the colors. Advanced obverse break. **Very scarce, no better one auctioned in many years;** finer than lot 159, Merkin sale, grossly outclasses the "VF" Appleton–MHS piece, Lot 136 (1970). One of the morst mysterious varieties, muling an obvious Atlee obverse (punch–linked with the last three lots) with a reverse earlier used by Buel, having the wheat–ear device puncheon or hub used on the Benjamin Buel coins of 1788. The only convincing explanation at hand is that some time in the summer of 1789 a representative of Machin's Mill bought out Benjamin Buel's equipment, as earlier with the Jarvis, Walter Mould, and Rupert, Vt. mints, and indiscriminately combined any usable dies. **(Photo) ($175.–225.)**

$140 — $140 —

*Bids accepted by mail only.

EAC'75

BREEN PLATE #789

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BOWERS "HALL SALE" OCT 26, 1978

22 1787 Connecticut *brockage*. Incuse impression of Miller reverse D. VG-8. Interesting! $100 —

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

1383 **1787** Miller 13-D (R-4). 103 grains. Mailed bust left, lightly laminated with much obverse design detail, reverse less bold with date partly off planchet. Light glossy tan. Strong Fine. OFF CENTER, LAMINATIONS

66.00

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1987)

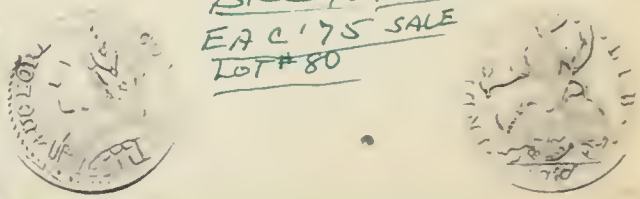
3. Mailed Bust L., Wheat Ear

789 1787 Sharp 6-pointed stars; crosslets in rev. legend. M. 13-D. Rev. of 772. The 8 is made from 2 small zeros; lettering as in Atlee's 1788 mailed-bust-left coins. Made after takeover of Benjamin Buell's equipment, April 1789. Obv. is apparently Atlee's attempt to copy the Triplet Head. 133.7–139.5 grs. = 8.66–9.04 gms., for 50 or 52 to the lb. Crosby, Garrett:1351, AU, $2,700.

BREEN PLATE

EAC'75 SALE

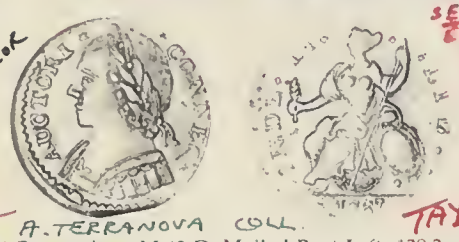
LOT #80



BOWERS 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

AU 50 NICE GREAT COLOR

SEE ENLARGED PHOTO



$880 — A. TERRANOVA COLL.

TAYLOR

2424 **1787 Connecticut. M 13-D. Mailed Bust Left.** 129.2 grains. R-4. **EF-45.** An exceptionally sharp specimen, with individual hair strands and some detailing in the leaves of the wreath present. Medium golden brown or tan flan. Rim clipped at the base of the obverse. Comma-shaped die break above R on the obverse a little more advanced than that appearing on the Garrett specimen. Probable Condition Census for the variety.

This combination employs the reverse D found in the 9-D combination earlier. By the time it was used to strike this variety the die had rusted: the cluster of rust pits in the die, beneath the branch in Liberty's outstretched hand, appears on the Pine Tree E A C and Garrett specimens in exactly the same state of development as this present piece. Also, the letters of the reverse legend have weakened and do not appear nearly as sharp as the obverse lettering. Apart from the clip on this piece, which is slightly off center on the obverse, the planchet is smooth and free from flaws.

NEW NETH. 'NUMISMA' AUG. 1954 VOL. I NO. 3

889 1787. Head of '88. M. 13-D. Ex. Fine. Flan chip. $9.85

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

977 **1787 M.13-D. MBL.** "Childish Face" variety. Rarity 4. Very Fine. 143.6 gns. Olive green and red. Surfaces mostly smooth, hard, and glossy. Struck on a malformed planchet, "tab" visible below bust, rim damaged there. Reverse off center to left, date full though. Miller attribution number painted in white lacquer (since discolored) in center of obverse. Die states as Taylor:2425 (at 124.8 gns).

85 — 130 — 143 —

From our April 27, 1988 sale, lot 38. AT $165.00

PINE TREE "BROWN UNIV" MAY 21, 1976

524 **1787. M. 13-D** (R-4). VF though less sharp in some regions of softer strike, especially rev.

$80 —

Date about two thirds on flan and just bottoms of DE in INDE can be seen. Small region of central obv. roughness. The VF plus in the 1975 E. A. C. sale, lot 80, brought $140.

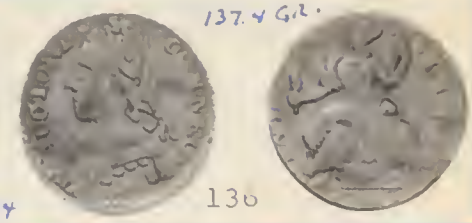
STACK'S MASS. HIST. SOC. OCT 23, 1970

136 **1787 Miller 13-D.** Rev. 3. Mailed Bust left. Very Fine. Another well struck coin, over-all slightly off center. Tiny planchet chip at 9 o'clock affecting nothing. Late state, showing the bulge in the field in front of face and at ON. The tops of the letters INDE ET are off the planchet. Though the obverse seems to have seen very little wear, the reverse appears to have seen a bit more. Not round, but in excellent shape for this variety. A glossy dark brown.

PLATE #20 — SEE STACK'S SALE PERKINS JAN 14, 1998 #244

MHS

137.4 GR.



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SEE STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993 LOT #977 AT $143.00

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988 SLIGHTLY OFF CENTER - DARK REDDISH BROWN

38 **1787 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 13-D. White ink identification on the cheek. A sharp clip or dent below the bust. Late state of the dies as ON is starting to disappear. **Very Fine.** $165 —

STACK'S "ROBISON SALE" FEB 10 1982

128 1787 Mailed Bust Left. M.13-D. The "Childish Face" variety. Reverse slightly off-center such that part of the date and legend are missing. Obverse well-centered and boldly struck, with a couple of minor digs. Medium brown. **Very Fine.** GOOD COLOR

$120 —

13-D

1787 Connecticut Miller 13-D

BOWERS "GARRETT" SALE OCT 1, 1980

GARRETT

1357 **1787 Connecticut. Miller 13-D.** 139.5 grains. Close to Rarity-4. **AU** from a wear viewpoint. An exceptional specimen. Perfectly centered and sharply struck on a flawless planchet. Evenly toned glossy deep brown olive color.

From the collection of Sylvester S. Crosby.

OPEN $165 — SOLD $2,200 —

BOWERS "GARRETT SALE" OCT 1, 1980

1787 Connecticut Miller 13-D Error

GARRETT

1358 **1787 Connecticut. Miller 13-D.** 133.7 grains. Same variety as preceding but spectacularly and sharply double struck as illustrated. The second striking is about 60 percent away from the first. Two complete dates appear on the reverse. One of the most interesting mint errors we have ever seen of this series. Very Fine or better with smooth glossy dark brown surfaces. OPEN $350 — SOLD $600 —

VF OK OBV. WELL STRUCK MEDIUM/DARK BROWN

200—550—

Lot No. 1078 OECHSNER D. MENCHELL

OECHSNER SALE 9/9/88

200—375—

Lot No. 1079 OECHSNER XF OR BETTER DOUBLE STRIKE NOT DRAMATIC

252 REDDISH BROWN REV WEAKER IMPRESSION

1078 **1787 Miller 13-D.** Mailed bust left. (R-4). 118.7 grains. **Strong Very Fine,** the obverse close to Extremely Fine. The reverse slightly off-center to the left, the obverse centered with full denticles. Comma-shaped die break over OR, die bulge at the left obverse. Medium brown and walnut toning, glossy surfaces. Reverse die rust in the same state as on the Garrett coin.
$605—

1079 **1787 Miller 13-D.** Another. 123.6 grains. **About Uncirculated,** shift double struck, the first impression properly centered, the second about 40% too low on the obverse and matching area on the reverse. An extra arm and pole stick upward from the place where Liberty's head should be. Light brown with splashes of brick red. Struck on a poorly made planchet, with defect lines all over the reverse.
$412.50

Ex F C C Boyd, privately

PINE TREE "GENA '76" OCT 1, 1976

17 **1787 M. 13-D (R-4). Obv. About VF; Rev. Fine.**
$30— Somewhat glossy, dark steel-colored surfaces. Free of planchet defects. See lot 80 in the 1975 E.A.C. sale. 30.00

PINE TREE "BREEN III JUNE 19, 1978

223 **1787 Mailed Bust Left. M. 13-D (R-4). Obv. About VF; Rev. Fine.** Somewhat glossy, dark steel-colored surfaces. Free of planchet defects. See lot 80 in the 1975 E.A.C. sale. Ex lot 17 10/76 $30.00 **($50-60)**
$24— 24.00

NASCA + KESSLER - SPANGENBERGER, APRIL 24, 25, 1981

2219 1787. M.13-D. (R-4) VF.
60— *Well struck obverse from late and repolished die state, planchet with several diagonal striations through head, minor scratching, reverse with sharp date. Planchet on reverse smooth and a nice brown beneath partial green patination (traces of that on obverse also.) Very scarce this sharp*

NASCA SALE JUNE 29, 1978

3522 **1787.** Mailed bust left. Miller 13-D. R-3. **Fine-12.** 15.00
Would grade higher except for weakness of strike. Dark toning on obv. and rev., small clip off planchet at 5 o'clock obv. Fairly well centered, no other problems.

BOWER'S "BARTLETT SALE" NOV 30, 1979

2102 1787 Connecticut. Mailed bust left. Miller 13-D. VG-8, dark.
35— Reverse off center.

N. PULLEN LIST, 1979
" M 13-D, R4 VF

N. PULLEN LIST # 2 1976
VF/XF Few obv.
digs M13-D Rarity 4 $110.

13-D

STACK'S "N. BRYANT COLL" FEB 2, 1973

Connecticut. **DOUBLE STRUCK.** The variety appears to be 1787 Miller 13-D. The doubling is most apparent on the obverse, about ⅛ inch apart. The planchet is a nice clean light brown. Good. The date is barely visible, but all lettering is completely obliterated. $17.50

STACK'S "ESSEX INSTITUTE" FEB 6, 1975

33 1787 Connecticut. Miller 13-D. Rarity 3. Mailed bust facing left. A very strong strike. The large 8 is made of two circles, one above the other. **A lovely glossy medium brown.** Very Fine. $80—

"PINE TREE" PROMISED LANDS" APR 30, 1974

258 1787. Benjamin Buel Issues. Triplet leaves, mailed bust left. M. 13–D. **Extraordinary mint error:** first struck simultaneously with another blank which covered profile and **AUCTORI,** then the second blank was brushed away and the present coin was given a second blow from the dies, about ⅞ off–center in K–7 so that only top of head, C and part O show. Reverse is double struck much less conspicuously, mostly at head and bust of Miss Connecticut of 1787. **Visible details range from VG to Fine;** reddish brown and tan, details highlighted. Evidently obv. 13 was very loose in its stake; it must have been tightened up immediately after this one was struck. **Extremely rare. (Photo)** $200

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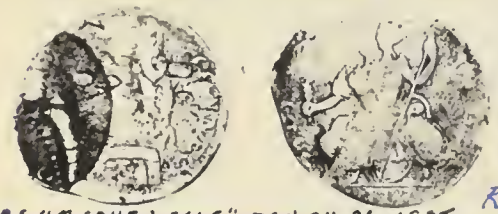


R. MARTIN

BOWERS "M. COHEN SALE" JAN 24-26, 1995

2330 Triple-struck 1787 Connecticut copper, with obverse bearing tripled impressions, the reverse being distended in the appropriate area. Very Good to Fine. $220

From the "Promised Lands" sale held by Pine Tree Auctions, 1974

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

1176 1787 Connecticut copper. M 13-D. Mailed Bust Left. 124.5 grains. Rarity-4. F-12. Dark charcoal, nearly black in places. Uniformly granular on both sides. Planchet clipped at 5:30 on the obverse. Miller number painted in yellow in the left obverse field; additional number in lower right obverse field. Die states later than Taylor:2424, obverse sunk in right field under CT, ON; reverse break in field under third punctuation mark. DARK! $55

Ex Hays, Ryder Collection. Ticket and envelope accompany this lot. Called "Fine" by Ryder.

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5678 1787 M 13-D. Rarity-4. VF-30/20, porous. Nick in left obverse field. Dark olive in color. 118.4 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2424. A nice example of this variety. TOO DARK 220.00

BOWER'S 'RUSBAR COLLECTION' SEPT 10-12, 1990

150 200

SMOOTH DARK

1725 1787 Connecticut copper. M-13D. VF-30, or finer. 126.9 grains. Obverse struck slightly oft center, toward the upper right. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2424. Dark gray-brown. Reverse rim nick at 4:00. 220

MAY 24, 1986

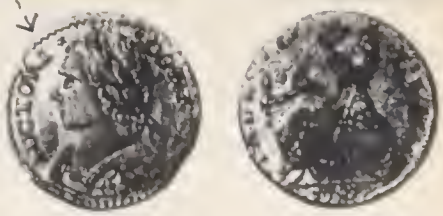
MID-AMERICAN • 1986 G.N.A. SALE MAY 24, 1986

1119. 1787 Miller 13-D. Rarity 4. Very Fine. Struck slightly off-center towards K-1. A gorgeous example on a pleasing dark brown planchet. The obverse is of an earlier state with no cud over the R of AUCTORI. As nice as the 1975 EAC example 70.00

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

215 1787 M.13-D (R-4). 125.5 grains. A small rim clip at last C of CONNEC. Full date, virtually complete legends, fine detail. Soft greenish brown toning. Obverse somewhat better than the Pine Tree specimen. Extremely Fine. STRONG VF DARK OLIVE GREEN 220.00

From J. Hanson, privately in 1976.



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176 1787 Mailed Bust left. 13-D (R4). Planchet clipped twice, rare. Very Good 5—

13-D

COIN GALLERIES SALE' AUG 20, 1986

1351 1787 M.13-D (R-4). Very Good, deep brown toning, die bulge from rim to back of
33- head weakening ON but other legends and date sharp. 33

BOWER'S "KRUGJOHANN SALE" MAY 14-15, 1986

42 1787 Connecticut. Miller 13-D. Rarity 3. Fine, but with immense
10- planchet flake obliterating a good portion of the face and corresponding part of the reverse.

BOWER'S RCR#7 SEPT, 1970

1787 Mailed bust left. 13-D. (R-3). Fair $6.00; Good $11.00; VG $16.00; VF $17.00; VF, 20% off center 35.00

RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972

1787 Mailed bust left. 13-D (R-3). Known with rotated dies (various positions). Abt. Fine $22.00; Very Fine $52.50; VF-EF#14 . . . 79.00

1787 Mailed bust left. 13-D (R-3). Fair $6.00; Good $11.00; Very Good $19.00; ~~Very Fine~~ RCR#12 SEPT, 1971 . . ~~52.50~~

BOWER'S 'RUSSELL PATTERSON' MARCH 25-26, 1985

2631 ~~Group of Connecticut coppers for the specialist who appreciates the~~
99- ~~complexities in attributing these pieces to their respective die varieties. [1786.] Fine/Very Fine. Struck on a porous planchet, with the reverse date off the flan. Possibly Miller 3.8-T, 1787 VG/F.~~ Miller 13-D. Struck on a smooth planchet. There is a recent gouge across the figure's mailed shoulder; ~~1787 VF/F. Struck on a rough planchet, resulting in unclear diagnostics for the die combination. This piece may possibly be Miller 30-hh, Miller 33-T, or Miller 33-Z; 1787 VG. Miller 31.1-r.4; 1787 Fine. Miller 31.2-r.3.~~ (Total: 5 pieces)

BOWER'S 'RIVER OAKS' (KRUGJOHANN' NOV 11-13, 1986

351 ~~Group of Connecticut coppers: (1) 1785 Mailed bust right. Miller 2-A.1. Abt. Fine. Dark; (2) 1787 Mailed bust left. Miller 4-b. Perfect die (early die state of the famed *Horned Bust* variety). Fine;~~ (3) 1787 Mailed bust left. Miller 13-D. Fine; ~~(4) 1787 Mailed bust left. Miller 15-F. F-VF. Some light planchet defects; (5) 1787 Draped bust left. Miller 32.2-X.2. Fine.~~ (Total: 5 pieces)

R. HUGHES LIST, OCT, 1980

M-13-D (R-4) childish head Good, very granular reverse 75.00

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (COLONIAL NEWSLETTER), 1989

13-D	1787	VG/VG	R4	Latest obv. die state.
13-D	1787	VG/VG	R4	Off center obv.;Latest
13-D	1787	G-/G-	R4	Double struck.
13-D	1787	VG/F-	R4	Triple struck over brockage
13-D	1787	VF-/VF-	R4	Upset reverse. "Microscopic
13-D	1787	F-/F-	R4	90 degree die juxtaposition
13-D	1787	F-/VG+	R4	Roller marks ? original
13-D	1787	VF-/F	R4	Obv. die break R. ring
13-D	1787	Poor		Very worn but clean spe

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13-D 2200(12) FINE(12)

1787: M. 13-D,

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

43) 1787 M.13-D Extremely Fine. Relatively smooth charcoal brown with a small old gouge at base of "L" in LIB. White ink attribution in obverse fields. Reverse about 15% off center toward 3 o'clock resulting in "INDE" and bottom of "17" to be struck off flan.. Dies rotated about 180 degrees. (No Provenance) *

44) 1787 M.13-D Fine/Very Fine (18). Mostly smooth light brown with a dark red blotch on obverse neck and mail. Fairly well centered with complete legends and date on flan. White ink attribution in fields. (No Provenance)

45) 1787 M.13-D Smooth medium brown. Well centered with white ink attribution on obverse fields. Small rim clip at 7 o'clock on obverse. (No Provenance)

46) 1787 M.13-D DOUBLE STRUCK First strike is normal and centered. Second strike about 75% off center to 1 o'clock resulting in two dates on reverse. Very Fine or better details. Relatively smooth dark reddish brown with a "V" shaped edge defect at 6 o'clock and and a tiny hole at 12 o'clock. A few old thin scratches on reverse figure. (Isaak Greenwood)

L. MERKIN SALE' OCT 31, 1973

159 — 1787 Miller 13-D, Rarity 3. Almost VF. Well struck and fairly well centered. A
30- minor planchet clip at about 1 o'clock.

13-D

BOWER'S 'LANDMACK COLL' MARCH 30, 1989

5105 1787 Connecticut copper. M 13-D. VF-20. 118.5 grains. Gray-brown
$110 surfaces, lighter blue highlights. Slightly off center at the top of the reverse, with consequent softness of strike at the lower right base of the obverse. Obverse and reverse states as Taylor:2424, with the comma-shaped break over R on the obverse engaging the neighboring O. OFF-CENTER

MARIS PLATE (1875)

KAGIN'S 1986 ANA SALE AUG 6-9, 1986

5028 Connecticut Cent 1787. Miller 13-D. R-4. Nice
275 Very Fine, compares most favorably with the like-graded coin in FAC 1975 Sale, Lot 80. Strong break above R of AUCTORI, slightly off-center to top. The reverse is a bit weaker than the obverse as is the case with all of this type. *A premium coin.*

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 14, 1993

1979 1787 M.13-D (R-4). 104.8 grains; ~~M.14-H (R-4). 121.9~~
275 ~~grains~~. Both About Good. Mailed Bust Left, reverse distinctly bolder than lower-relief obverse. Light brown. 2 pieces.

NEW NETHERLAND'S 60TH SALE DEC 3-4, 1968

336 1787. Mailed bust l., type of 1788. Three stars obv., eight crosslets rev. for
18 punctuation. M. 13-D (Rarity 3). Very Fine / Fine; dark iridescence. Mint clip at lower right (obv.); light rev. roughness, barely visible evidence of old mishandling. Really better than we make it sound.

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.13-D
VERY FINE, DARK

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.13-D UNCIRCULATED
OVERSTRUCK ON A 1785 NOVA
CONSTELLATIO, C.4-D
(AU PART RED)

NEW NETHERLAND'S 36TH SALE JAN 26, 1952

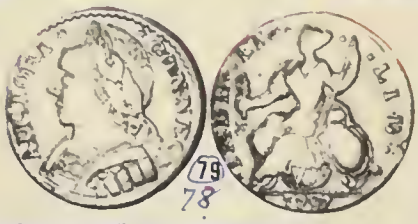
505 — 1787. Moiled Bust 1. M-13-D (Rority 3). Another nice coin that is almost Very Fine. Rore so. Ex. Hall. Coll.

EX. MILLER COLLECTION #1886, 1920
ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

78 **1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 13-D. Mailed Bust Left. Rarity 4. 133.0 grains. Choice Very Fine.** Medium chocolate brown. Well struck, with all the hair and armor detail sharp. Painted die variety in the obverse field in Miller's script. EX OECHSNER #1220 1 of 9 ..... $149

This coin was Lot 1886 in the 1920 sale of the Miller collection, where it realized $1.

Intermediate die state, with a break connecting the tops of OR and die bulges beneath (but not yet obscuring) AUCT and ONN.



EX-'OECHSNER COLL' LOT# 1220 SEP. 9, 1988 1 OF 9 PIECES

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

55 15 1787 Mailed Bust Left M #13-D (R-4) "Childish Face". FINE-12, normal corrosion.

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

56 30 1787 Mailed Bust Left M #13-D (R-4) Double struck. A Machin's Mill mint issue. GOOD-4, heavily drifted reverse. A remarkable blunder.

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

575 1787 Mailed Bust Left. 13-D (R-3). With reverse legend divided in
30 an unusual manner: INDE ET to the left of the figure and LIB alone to the right. Reverse rotated 45 degrees. Very Fine. $30

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

2425 **1787 Connecticut coppers.** Including a trio of M 13-D, in different die states: M 13-D. 125.3 grains. R-4. F-12, dark. Typical die state of both obverse and reverse; 13-D. 124.8 grains. R-4. Sharpness of F-15, clip struck twice. Dark brown. Attribution number painted on the obverse. Somewhat later state, with pronounced bulge beneath ON on the obverse. 13-D. 124.1 grains. R-4. Sharpness of VG-8. Earlier state than the last, later than the first, bulge beneath ON not obscuring these letters. Apparently later state of the reverse, however. Somewhat porous.

3 OF 5 PIECES TAYLOR

TAYLOR LOT# 2425

SAN DIEGO SHOW (ANA SALE) MAR 3, 1990
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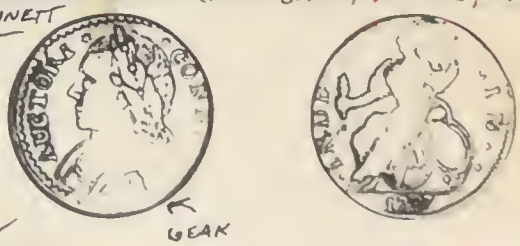

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2401 **1787 Cent, Miller 13-D,** Breen-789, Mailed Bust Left, **ANACS Certified-Extremely Fine.** Another condition census specimen for this Rarity-4 variety. Lovely, smooth, hard and lustrous surfaces are an even golden brown in color. A very pretty coin, with sharp hair detail and a very sharp date ..... (500-700)

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

LOT 2501 M 13-D. VF-20. Rarity-4. 130.8 grains. 27.4mm. 245°. Dark brown. Many reverse scratches. Later obverse state than Taylor: 2424 or the Pine Tree/E.A.C.: 80 coin, with the bulge beneath ON and final C very weak. Break over OR in the same state of advancement as usually seen; 1 OF 10 PIECES NORWEB

KAGIN'S LIST, SEPT 16, 1981

1787 CONNECTICUT M.13-D Rarity-4 VE/F 125.00

13-D

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1.00 1885 1787. Mailed bust l. AUCTORI CONNEC Rx. INDE . ET . . LIB. Crosby 13-D. Rarity 4. Really uncirculated, with traces of original red, but not a good impression.

1.00 1886 Another better struck, about fine.

.20 2111 1787. ~~C. 12-Q.~~ ; 13-D Avg. G. 5 pcs.

.10 2164 1787.. ~~C. 8 O. R. 3;~~ also 13-D R. 4 G. & VG. 2 pcs.

STACK'S 'STEINBERG SALE' OCT 17, 1989

91 1787 Miller 13-D (R-4). Double struck reverse, with two branch arms, and also two heads, one above the other. Late state, die bulging in places on the obverse, removing the final C. The central devices are clear. Very Fine. VG/FINE DARK OLIVE. NOT DRAMATIC

$412.50

STACK'S SALE MAY 13, 1982

54 ~~1786 M.5.9-B~~.1; 1787 M.13-D, M.B.L.; ~~1787 M.39.2-cc, D.B.L.~~ All are a nice Fine. Lot of 3 pieces. 130 –

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1978

1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.13-D, (R-3), "Childish Face", nice Very Good, about 10% off-center, dark brown with very nice surfaces, unusual variety.....35.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1979 WHT. 128.8 GRAINS F/VF(18)

1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.13-D, (R-4). The "Childish Face" variety. A popular mule, with obverse by James Atlee and reverse by Abel Buell. Struck at Machin's Mill. Very Fine, a clean coin, with only a small amount of minor die weakness at ON of CONNEC. Very well centered for this variety, with only the tops of ET off the planchet. Glossy medium brown surfaces. Overall an excellent type piece.....90.00

D. SONDERMAN – R. MARTIN – D. MITURAS 4/87 ~ R. MARTIN

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1979

1787 Mailed Bust Left, M. 13-D, (R-4), Good, evenly worn, small mint clip, light porosity on reverse, dies aligned bookwise, interesting product of Machin's Mill.....20.00.

SEE STACK'S SALE "PERKINS" JAN 14, 1998 LOT # 244 (PLATE).

DAVID SONDERMAN, SEPT, 1984

122. 1787 Mailed Bust Left. M. 13-D. Childish Face variety. Very Fine/Fine. Tiny rim clip at three o'clock. Perfect medium chocolate brown surfaces. 90.00

SEE STACK'S M.H.S. SALE OCT 23, 1990 LOT # 136 (PLATE)

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST AUG 1981

37 1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.13-D, "Childish Face" variety. Very Fine, trivial Obverse planchet striations 125.00

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988

28 ~~1787 Miller 1-1A~~. 1787 Mailed Bust Left. Miller 13-D. ~~Very Good~~, nearly Fine. 2 pieces. 121 –

PINE TREE 'E. MORTON SALE' OCT 18, 1975

544 1787. Mailed Bust Left. ~~M.8-O (R-4). Little Head. VG/F with dark, porous surface. M.11.2-K (R-1); barely (Good, lower right obv. weakly struck.~~ M.13-D (R-4)4. Machin's Mill Mint. Very Good, weak some pit-like defect. (See lots 85, 90, and 80 respectively in our E. A.C. sale.) 3 pcs. ($90.-120.)

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STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST, 1986

C58

C58 1787 Copper. Mailed bust left. Miller 13-D. Very Fine. Uniformly deep olive brown. 175.00

13-D

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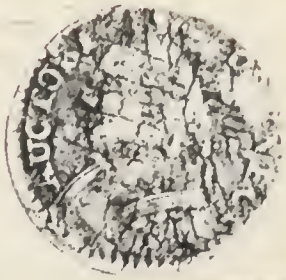
Figure 19: 1787 Childish Face Left, Miller 13-D, engraved by James F. Atlee and minted at Machin's Mill. Illustrated specimen weighs 102.9 grains.



SEE ROSA AMERICA FPLR 4 SPRING, 1981 LOT # 53 (PLATE)

BOWER'S (SOMERSET SALE) MAY 29, 1992

334 1787 Connecticut copper. M 13-D. Mailed Bust Left. VF-30, for sharpness. Uniform light porosity on surfaces. Rarity-4. 118.4 grains. Die alignment: 170°. Comma-shaped die break above R on obverse in a state equivalent to Taylor:2424, with tail of die break extending through top of O as well. A swelling is noted in the obverse field before the effigy's face. Chocolate brown surfaces nearly free of handling marks. A nice example of this scarce and popular issue.

88 BK

ROSA AMERICANA FPLR 6 1992

34 1787 Connecticut, Miller 13-D Rarity-4 118.4 grains Choice Very Fine? quite close to full Extremely Fine quality Very sharply struck, the legends and date are full, as are some of the finer details such as the hair, drapery and globe Attractive olive brown color, free of all but the most trivial handling marks A choice example of a scarcer variety, the very similar appearing Oechsner coin ["Strong VF"] brought $605, this one is available now for less than one third of that price! $169

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 22, 1992

2470 1787 M 13-D. MBL. R-4. 125.5 gns. Very Fine. Dark olive green. Obverse microscopically granular, reverse visibly so. Planchet cutter clip obverse at 4:30. In terms of technical grade a solidly collectable example of this variety. Obverse state later than Taylor:2424, obverse comma-shaped break over OR, left field sinking under AUCT.

99.00

COIN GALLERIES / PICKER REF. COLL. JULY 22, 1992

2641 1787 M 13-D. MBL. R-4. 114.9 gns. Very Fine. Dark. almost black. Surfaces microscopically granular, particularly the obverse. Small nick in right obverse field Clipped twice, obverse at 12:30 and 4:30. States as Taylor:2424. DARK FINE

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SEE McCULLEY & GRELLMAN "CY SALE" DEC 12, 1986 LOT # 209

BAN MAIL BID SALE MARCH 18, 1995

84 1787 CT Copper, Miller 13-D, Mailed Bust Left, Extremely Fine or better. Rarity 4. Chocolate brown, with scattered reddish highlights. Almost as nice as the Taylor:2424 coin, and surprisingly (or maybe not), it also has a small edge clip on the bottom of the obverse. This is an important, high-grade coin for the variety specialist. ..... (400-500)

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6526 Trio of 1787 Connecticut coppers ~~each with Mailed Bust Left obverse design ☆ M 11 1-E VG-8 Rarity-2 130.3 grains broadly struck on a slightly oval planchet with edge to top of first C in CONNEC on obverse and at top of IB on reverse Design details lightly impressed to left of obverse and correspondingly on the reverse~~ ☆ M 13-D F-12, rough planchet surfaces. Rarity-4 121.5 grains. Die alignment 250°. Usual comma-like obverse die break from rim to R in AUCTORI Dies heavily clashed, with evidence seen in obverse fields, particularly before effigy's face Glossy dark brown surfaces with areas of darker patina ☆ ~~M 14-H. F-12. Rarity-4. 115.3 grains Pheons (arrows) at date, the only issue in the entire Connecticut series with this feature Lightly struck on the reverse, with bulges obscuring ET and the seated figure's head area to some extent A scarce and popular issue~~ (Total 3 pieces)

132.00

19. 1787 MBL, M.13-D. Very Fine for the variety, flatly struck from worn dies. Glossy tan surfaces with a tiny reverse rim bump. 100.00

20. 1787 MBL, M.13-D. Fine, earlier die states than the previous example. Smooth medium brown planchet, no problems of note 75.00

BOWER'S (CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE NOV 14, 1990

A 5672

330.00 ☆ M 13-D. Rarity-4. VF-20, off center, clip 9:00 obverse. 114.3 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2424 ☆

1 OF 6 PIECES

A 5674 BOWER'S (CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE NOV 14, 1990

302.00 1787 M 13-D. Rarity-4 "Childish Head" VF 25 F 15, cleaned, an unnatural blue. 125.3 grains States equivalent to Taylor:2424 ☆

1 OF 4 PIECES

MIKE RINGO LIST, DEC, 1984

14. 1787 MBL, M.13-D. Very Good, light brown with a strong date 25.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, MAY, 1985

7. 1787 MBL, M.13-D. Fine/Very Good, lightly granular surfaces 25.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, JULY, 1986

9. 1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.13-D. Very Good, dark brown 30.00

13-D

NICKNAMED CONNECTICUTS EDWARD BARNSLEY

(11) CHILDISH FACE, Miller Obverse 13 of 1787

Crosby described this die in 1875 as having, "A childish face." Neither Hall nor Miller, however, continued the use of this nickname.

BARNSLEY COLLECTION

Double cutting of "N's" with noticeable offsetting may be seen on other 1787 dies, such as ~~obverses 33.3~~ and 33.~~16~~ and reverse "D",

THE BIZARRE LETTERING OF CONNECTICUT COPPERS

DATES MADE FROM LETTERS	359 360	1788 reverse A.1; A.2 1787 reverse D

It is interesting to observe also that the "8" in the date on reverse D of 1787 seems to have been made by two strikes of a small letter "o", slightly overlapped like connecting links of a chain. So here is another remarkable example of Necessity being the Mother of Invention.

Illustration No. 6
LIB from Rev. D of 1787

In most composite "L's" of Connecticut legends, the vertical bar is made by the "I" punch held in correct position so that the heel of the altered "L" will show clefting. In reverse D of 1787 the foot of the "L" is made by two distinct punches: a short line, then a triangle. (See Illustration No. 6). The other two letters of LIB are made from the same clefted "I", both bases down, as in the "D" of INDE and the "E" of ET. However, the vertical bars of the "D" and the "E" are not clefted. This may indicate that two different "I" punches were used to cut this particular die.

COIN GALLERIES (PERKINS DON'S) APRIL 14, 1983

1976 Starter set of 1787 Mailed Bust Right varieties, with some duplicates. Grades range from About Good to Fine with most being Very Good to Fine. Usual plaudhet qualities for these grades. Most varying shades of brown. M.2-B. Rarity 3. M.4-L. Rarity 1. Full "Horn" break; another. No "Horn" break. M.6-1-M. "Laughing Head". Rarity 1. M.6-2-M. "Second Laughing Head". Rarity 3. M.9-R. "1787/8 Overdate". Rarity 6; another, a third. M.11-2-K. Rarity 8; another; M.13-D. Rarity 4; another. M.14-H. Pheons at Date. Rarity 1. M.15-P. CONNECT. Rarity 4. The last of the 1787 MBR varieties until Miller 52. 14 pieces. 2 PIECES

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1984

145 1787 M.12-O. "1787/1887." IN DE. Another Fine, ~~flawed, off center. 116.7 gns.~~; M.13-D. MBL. R-4. 30/ Strong Fine but rough and bent slightly. Miller number 300/ in a faded fine hand on obverse. 106.8 gns.; ~~M.14-H.~~ 330/ MBL. R-4. Strong Fine, cleaned. 107.1 gns.; M.16-1-m. DBL. R-4. Very Good/Fine, reverse flawed. 164.7 gns; M.16-2-NN.1. DBL. R-5. Very Good/Fine, granular. 148.1 gns; M.18-g.1. DBL. R-4 (underrated, possibly R-5 or 6?). About Fine/Very Good. Miller number in a coarse hand on obverse. 128.2 gns. 6 pieces.

13-D

BOWERS "M.N.S. SALE" NOV 16, 1994

3196 Group of 1787-dated Connecticut coppers: ☆ ~~M 1.1-A. Mailed Bust Right. C-6. Rarity-3. 104.0 grains. Faint porosity~~ ☆ M 13-D. Mailed Bust Left. VG-8. Rarity-4. 115.5 grains. Uniform porosity ☆

187.00

1 OF 7 PIECES

BOWER'S "COMMODORE PERRY SALE" JAN 5, 1995

2238 1787 Mailed Bust Left ~~duo: ☆ M 11.2-K. VG-8. Rarity-3. 147.2 grains. Die alignment: 200°, slightly off center on the reverse~~ ☆ M 13-D. F-12. Rarity-4. 104.9 grains. Medium tan surfaces. (Total: 2 pieces)

148.50

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ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL#4 SPRING, 1991

53. 1787. Miller 13-D, Breen 789. Rarity-4. Mailed Bust Left, Wheat Ear instead of branch on reverse. 118.4 grains. Very Fine to Extremely Fine [a classic "VF-30"]. Full legends and date. Extremely sharp obverse strike, with even the fine hair details all crisp and sharp; the reverse is also stronger than usually seen, with such details as the drapery and the lines in the globe all bold. The entire coin is a dark olive brown with the reverse being slightly matte-like in appearance. A choice example of a scarce variety that is almost always seen in lower grades. The similar Oechsner coin [described as "Strong Very Fine"] realized $605; how about getting one for half the price? (PLATE).....$299

Breen notes that the "8" in the date is actually made of two small zeros placed atop each other.

SEE BOWERS' SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992 #334
SEE ROSA AMERICANA FPL#6, 1992 LOT#34

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

146 1787 M.13-D. MBL. R-4 for the dies. Fair/Good. 100.6 gns. Rough olive brown. Re-engraved date: "1786" engraved by hand over original 1787. R-9 for the creation, the first we have seen and a distinct conversation piece for the Connecticut specialist.

275.00

STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 6, 1994

53 1787 M.13-D. MBL. R-2 (revised and conjectural). Very Fine, good dark olive-black color. 113.4 gns. Many old scratches both sides, reverse particularly. A variety that quite often comes Very Fine. MIKE RINGO

100 / 140 / 154 / VF

From S.H. & H. Chapman's sale of the John G. Mills Collection, April 27, 1904, lot 277. Ryder's ticket accompanies this lot.

Obverse broken from rim to R, sinking in left field; reverse "rust" under branch tip and N. This latter is not rust, at all, but some form of deliberate die-cutting that does not seem to belong to the Connecticut reverse type but was not effaced. It is quite curious.

53

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

55 1787 M.13-D. MBL. R-2 (revised). Very Fine. 133.0 gns. Very even, deep olive-brown. Both surfaces appear hard, smooth and glossy to the unaided eye. Both sides off center to the left, but without serious effect. Reverse rim nick above B. Miller attribution number painted on obverse in yellowed white lacquer (executed twice). Die states as Taylor:2424.

SMOOTH TOO DARK

75 / 120 / 132

BOWER'S 'HALPERN SALE' MARCH 24, 1995

3338 1787 M 13-D. Mailed Bust Left. VF. Rarity-4. 114.7 grains. Small, delicate attribution number painted in obverse field in white, since yellowed. DUP appears beneath the effigy's shoulder in the same attribution style. Comma-shaped die break above R on the obverse now advanced, encompassing the tops of OR beneath. Gray-brown surfaces. A pleasing coin overall.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL#10 SPRING 1995

AN INCREDIBLE UNCIRCULATED MILLER 13-D

DARK

132 1787 Connecticut, Miller 13-D. Rarity-4. 114.2 grains. Choice Brown Uncirculated. A simply spectacular specimen of the variety, with a bold sharp strike, full legends and date and sharp design details on either side. The strike is so sharp, that you can see every single strand of hair on the obverse figure's head! Gorgeous dark chocolate surfaces that have a good deal of underlying original mint lustre. There are no dents, nicks, scratches, green spots or any other flaws that would detract from the incredible color and surfaces of this exceptional coin; the piece is even free of the light planchet striations that are often found on the variety! There is a very tiny clip visible at K-5 on the obverse that does little more than touch the denticles and is mentioned solely for accuracy [interestingly enough, many examples of this variety do have a single clip. The Taylor coin is a good case in point]. Far and away THE FINEST EXAMPLE OF THE VARIETY TO EVER BE OFFERED FOR SALE, AND POSSIBLY THE FINEST EXAMPLE KNOWN.? For years we had considered the Crosby-Garrett coin, a beautiful AU [that realized $2700], to be the finest known; this coin easily outclasses that specimen! Nothing even remotely similar has appeared since the Garrett coin over a decade ago. Taylor had an EF [at $880], the EAC '75 coin was nearly EF, Oecshner's was VF/EF [and brought $605], the Kessler-Spangenberger coin was VF and the Hessberg coin was just Fine. A simply incredible example of the variety, one of those amazing coins that "come out of the woodwork" every now and then, this particular piece having been in a nice type collection for the last three decades, unattributed and unappreciated for what it was! This is also the first time that this particular example has been offered to the collecting fraternity. Phrases like "once in a lifetime" opportunity are thrown around with careless abandon, but once this coin is sold it may be some time before its new owner decides to part with it! If you want the best, search no further!.....$1749

In Walter Breen's cataloguing of the '75 EAC sale he stated that this variety was "one of the most mysterious varieties, muling an obvious Atlee obverse (punch linked with the last three lots [3-G.1, 52-G.1 and 52-G.2]) with a reverse earlier used by Buel, having the wheat-ear device puncheon or hub used on the Benjamin Buel coins of 1788. The only convincing explanation at hand is that some time in the summer of 1789 representatives of Machin's Mill bought out Benjamin Buel's equipment, as earlier with the Jarvis, Walter Mould, and Rupert, VT mints, and indiscriminately combined any usable dies." The true story of the variety may still be open to conjecture.

13-D

BOWERS "GREENWALD & JACKSON SALE" SEPT 11-13, 1985

3114 1787 M 13-D. Mailed Bust left. VF. Rarity-4. 129.6 grains. Die alignment: 250°. Usual obverse state with "apostrophe" die break from rim to R. Rust pits beneath branch hand on reverse. Steel gray color with faint porosity.

McCAWLEY & GREELMAN "C4 SALE" OCT 12, 1996

209. 1787 CONNECTICUT M 13-D (R-4) VF25 115.0 gns. Dark brown. Strong detail throughout with exception of reverse rim at 11-2 o'clock. Full date. Two planchet clips, 1 and 5 o'clock. Lightly granular throughout with die rust evident below branch in Liberty's outstretched hand. Wedge-shaped die break from rim to R of AUCTORI. Ex Richard Picker (Coin Galleries 7-22-92, Lot 2641). AT $110

1787 M.13-D ABOUT UNCIRCULATED (50)
ANTHONY TERRANOVA COLLECTION
EX BOWERS "TAYLOR SALE" MARCH 27,1987 LOT#2424 (PLATE)

ROSA AMERICAN LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

137 1787 Connecticut. Miller 13-D. Rarity-4. 114.2 grains. Very Fine, bold for the variety. The obverse has full legends and all of the design details of the grade. A small curved clip at K-8 barely touches the top of the A. The reverse has most of IND lost to the clip, though the rest of the legends and the date are sharp. Glossy darker brown, the obverse generally hard, the reverse with some light roughness though none of any serious note. A pleasing example overall, we note that this variety is almost always found on clipped planchet stock [including two of the four Taylor coins].....$79

From the Mrs. Lillian S. Willins collection, purchased from R. Levi and R. Rioux in September, 1978. A small page of diagnostic notes written in Mrs. Willins' hand accompanies this coin.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

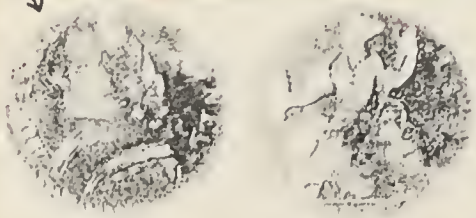
An Inexpensive Major Double Strike

133 1787 Connecticut, Miller 13-D, another. 107.7 grains. Good or so, almost impossible to grade as this piece has been BOLDLY DOUBLE STRUCK, the second strike about 40% off center and spreading the planchet to over 30 mm at its maximum diameter. The obverse is quite faint, almost certainly due to the double striking, though traces of the legends are visible. The reverse displays a fairly strong central device, partially obscured at the left by the second strike. Although faint, it appears that the second strike may have been a BROCKAGE STRIKE as well, the reverse side especially giving that appearance. The obverse has been cleaned and is an unnatural orangish brown, while the reverse was not played with and is a pleasing medium brown. A very difficult error to locate, the vast majority of double strikes are ones that are relatively close to each other, and any error with this kind of major planchet spread is constantly in demand.....$139

13-D

STEVE HAYDEN FIXED PRICE LIST # 2 OCT, 1996

13 Conn 1787 M.B.L. M.13-D R2 VG 108.6 grains Dark and slightly granular with some light brown relief CON on obverse and IB on reverse missing, others weak 45.00



McCAULEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

247. SIX CONNECTICUT COPPERS. ~~1785 M.6.3-G.2~~ MBR (R-4) ~~VG8 104.5 gns. Medium brown. Granular throughout, but pleasant. Date visible.~~ WITH 1787 M.13-D MBL (R-4) VG8 129.2 gns. Light planchet striations throughout obverse. Reverse appears more worn with peripheral legend weakest towards rim. Full date visible.

McCAULEY & GRELLMAN "DOCLEY" JAN 11, 1997

027. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.13-D MBL R4 VF20. 114.2 gns. Chocolate brown, smooth and semi-glossy. Struck off center to the left obverse with slight weakening of right legend resulting. Reverse struck low with bottom third of date off flan. Problem free and unusually attractive for the grade.

McCAULEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

245. FOUR CONNECTICUT COPPERS. ~~1785 M.4.4-C~~ MBR (R-3) ~~VG8 145.9 gns. Hard surfaces with some planchet striations, primarily on reverse. Light brown highlights on legends & devices. Weak date.~~ WITH 1787 M.13-D MBL (R-4) low F12 113.4 gns. Pleasing to eye. Light granular surfaces. Reverse struck off center. Small obverse clip at 3 o'clock. Visible date, but weak.

STACK'S SALE "PERKINS" JAN 14, 1998

243 1787 M.13-D. MBR. R-2. 127.6 gns. Choice Very Fine. 100 180 198 Attractive, deep reddish brown on both sides. Surfaces mostly hard and smooth to the naked eye. Microgranular under magnification. Some old, light marks both sides, including a scratch through face. Flaw under left forearm.

Obverse sinking under AUCT, no bulge on CON, usual comma break on R. Reverse perfect. No one has yet proposed a satisfactory solution for the stray punch marks below N on the reverse.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST # 13 SUMMER 1998

AN EXTREMELY CHOICE MILLER 13-D

~~One of the Finest Known Examples~~

balderdash!

182. 1787 Connecticut. Miller 13-D. Rarity-4. 127.6 grains. ~~Extremely Fine~~ VERY FINE and quite choice overall. Generally quite bold, the second N of CONNEC weak, but everything else is crisp, including the rest of the legends, the date, and all the design details The obverse is especially strong, with nearly full hair detail – and we mean each individual strand! – and nice armor The reverse figure is a bit weak at the absolute center, but has drapery folds and full, bold lines on the globe that Liberty is seated upon. Gorgeous hard russet brown surfaces, there is an ancient hairline scratch on the obverse that has toned down to the color of the surfaces and really isn't visible without the aid of a strong glass; other than that, the piece is completely free of damage or defect. Really an exceptional example of the variety, and one of the finest examples known. We offered an incredible Uncirculated piece on our Tenth price list in 1995, and this is the specimen that the person who ordered that coin was able to upgrade. If that piece was the finest, then the Crosby-Garret AU example was second [and realized $2700!]. EF examples appeared in both Taylor and the EAC '75 sale, while Oeschner had a VF/EF, Kessler-Spangenberger had a VF and the Hessberg coin was only Fine. Obviously, this one is comfortably nestled within the Condition Census for the variety, possibly as high as fourth or fifth finest known. It is a coin that will be difficult or impossible to upgrade without a lot of time to search and a lot more money to spend! A gorgeous example of a distinct type in the series, with a choice appearance...sounds like the kind of coin that is becoming increasingly difficult to find in today's heated market!.....$679

In Walter Breen's cataloguing of the EAC '75 sale he stated that this was "one of the most mysterious varieties, muling an obvious Atlee obverse (punch linked with [1787 Miller 3-G.1, 52-G.1 and 52-G.2]), with a reverse used earlier by Buel, having the wheat ear device puncheon or hub used on the Benjamin Buel coins of 1788. The only convincing explanation at hand is that some time in the summer of 1789 representatives of Machin's Mill bought out Benjamin Buel's equipment, as earlier with Jarvis, Walter Mould, and Rupert, VT mints, and indiscriminately combined any usable dies."

EX STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1998 LOT # 243. A CHOICE VF AT $158—

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST # 12 SPRING 1997

117 1787 Connecticut. Miller 13-D. High Rarity-2. 103.1 grains. Very Fine, and somewhat boldly struck from an extremely late die state. Sharp central details, the obverse with strong hair, face and mailing. The legends are sharp except for ORI which is lost to a small die bulge. There are additional bulges below the ON and at the final C of CONNEC, as well as one at the effigy's forehead and one at the base of the bust. The reverse has Fine detail on the icon and a little less than half the legends visible. There is a die bulge at Liberty's knee and another obscuring most of LIB. There is also a large grouping of diagonal diebreaks between Liberty and LIB. Medium brown surfaces, the obverse hard and glossy. Good eye appeal overall, and the first example of this terminal die state that we've handled in four years; later than any of the piecers in the Taylor collection as well as most of the others that have appeared for sale in recent memory.....$119

Downgraded from an R-4 to a High Rarity-2 based on a number of lower grade pieces that have been attributed by sharp-eyed collectors

13-D

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

118 1787 Connecticut. Miller 13-D, another. 109.7 grains. Good to Very Good. Good central design detail, weaker at the peripheries, with only portions of the legends visible, though the ones on the obverse about half there. Gorgeous light tan color, the surfaces hard and quite clean for the grade. A most pleasing well-circulated example with more eye appeal that many coins we've seen in the VF range! Also quite affordable at just.....$12

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

150. 1787 Connecticut Copper. Miller 13-D. Rarity-4. 126.1 grains. Very Fine, but struck from an extremely late state of the obverse die, resulting in some details on that side looking lower grade. The rest of the piece is rather high in that grade level. with AUCTORI razor sharp and the bust with some mailing detail visible; there is a large die cud at the ON of CONNEC which weakens those letters. The reverse is from a perfect die state, and is quite sharp – with some drapery and globe lines visible, along with full legends (the B of LIB is opposite the cud, and thus weaker than the rest of the letters) and date. Gorgeous medium brown color, the surfaces hard and slightly glossy. There is a small planchet striation hidden away in the obverse effigy's hair, else the coin is amazingly clean, especially for a variety that tends to come rough and dark! A pleasing example overall, making it a perfect coin for inclusion in a middle-grade variety collection or type, with significant eye appeal and available at a great price.....$179

A small die cud has formed at the denticles at the point of the bust, and there is a thin diebreak connecting the tops of OR.

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STACK'S SALE SEPT 16, 1997

124 1787 M.13-D. Mailed Bust Left. R-2. 135.9 gns. Extremely Fine for sharpness. Both sides are mostly brown save for some areas that are red, probably from an old cleaning. The surfaces are smooth and hard. Two planchet cutter clips, obverse at 12:15 and 2:30. Fairly typical die states, the obverse with the comma shaped break over OR and the fields failing under AUCT and CON; the reverse die rusted below the branch tip.

500
650
735

STACK'S SALE "PERKINS" JAN 14, 1998

75
110
121

Lot No. 244

244 **1787 M.13-D.** MBR. A second. 137.4 gns. About Very Fine. Gray brown on both sides, the color uniform. Surfaces smooth, hard, semi-glossy. Obverse planchet cutter clip at 3:30. Struck slightly off center, to the top on the obverse and to the left on the reverse, affecting the top of the letters on that side. Some rim marks.

Ex David Sonderman's October, 1984 Fixed Price List, lot 122; believed by the consignor to be ex Stack's Massachusetts Historical Society sale of October, 1970, lot 136.

Obverse sunk under UC, bulge on ON, comma break on R. Reverse broken from rim to shield.

14-H

Possibly Finest Known

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

94 1787. M. 14-H. R-4. Pheons (heraldic arrowheads) in legends on both sides. Differs from both the Crosby, Dr. Hall and Miller descriptions, and this shows an extra pheon after ET (smaller and fainter, but plain); evidently the earliest die state. **Better than VF, deep red glossy surfaces suggest a grade nearer to EF than VF, faint touches of lustre around some letters; some details close to EF, others nearer to VF.** Attribution in old white ink before face. **As fine as we have ever seen, surely high Condition Census, possibly finest known** Sharper than the Crosby Plate coin, or that in the Merkin 1973 sale, or that in New Netherlands 60th; far, far outclasses the "VF" Appleton—MHS coin (1970, lot 137) or the "Promised Lands" coin, Fine, at $145 on the floor. The Bowers list had only worn examples. Ex Dr. Hall, Brand colls. **The pheons make this an important type coin, as this is the only variety showing them. (Photo)** $475 **($275.–375.)**

$475

94

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

94A 1787. **Another M. 14-H,** this one from the usual later die state in which clash marks from shoulder armor have obliterated the extra pheon after ET. Several tiny rust pits near ET, few others in obv. legend. **Very Fine or better,** bold impression except at uppermost of the three grapevines on shield; most border dentils visible. Various shades of reddish brown, devices highlighted. Usual quota of planchet defects, mostly on obv., one affecting U, another at nose. Believed ex Norman Bryant coll., later Bowers, Oct. 1970, Alan Kessler coll. **(Photo)** EAC '75 **($200.–300.)**

$145

EAC '75

ROPER
NICE XF45+
→ R. MARTIN
STACK'S "ROPER COLL"
DEC 7, 1983

100–
420–

Lot No. 243

243 **1787 Mailed Bust Left, Miller 14-H.** 128.5 grains. The popular variety with pheons (arrows) at the date and in the legends. Painted die variety number in the field, and a small reddish stain on the right edge. The lack of detail is from the flat dies, as this coin has seen very little if any circulation. The light brown surfaces are glossy and choice. **Extremely Fine.** $46–
EX EAC '75 SALE LOT 94 AS-XF AT 475.00

1787 M 14-H

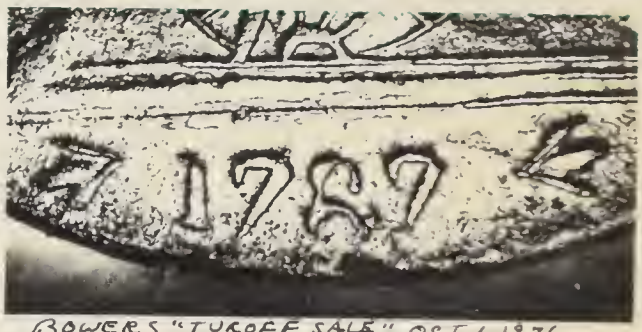
Early Reverse State

OK VF 30
D/S FAIR, NOT DRAMATIC

A. TERRANOVA COLL.

$412.50 BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987 TAYLOR

2428 1787 Connecticut. M 14-H. Mailed Bust Left. 125.2 grains. R-4. Sharpness of VF-30, but double struck and therefore difficult to grade. Light golden brown surfaces, free from severe defects. Glossy and smooth. First struck too high, restruck properly centered. Small and faint pheon beside T on the reverse pointing to that letter. The pheon was engraved very tentatively, accounting for its absence on most specimens seen, even those in high grade (Garrett specimen for example).



BOWERS "TUROFF SALE" OCT 1, 1976

576 1787 Mailed Bust Left. 14-H (R-3). With *arrows at date and legends.* Interesting! With INDE ET left and LIB right. F-VF. Weakly struck at centers. $55–

DARK

$110– BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987 TAYLOR

2426 1787 Connecticut. M 14-H. Mailed Bust Left. 96.6 grains. R-4 Overall, F-15, some areas sharper. Dark golden brown. Despite the porosity on both surfaces, most letters of the legend are sharp, save only the tops of IB on the reverse. Pheons flanking date soft

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987
LOT 2425 14-H. 140.4 grains. R-4. Sharpness of VG-8, overall. Dark. The variety with a pheon on each side of the date
1 OF 5 PIECES TAYLOR

$220– BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987 TAYLOR

2427 1787 Connecticut. M 14-H. Mailed Bust Left. 120.2 grains. R-4 **Sharpness of EF-45,** where struck up. Struck severely off center, and with a long, L-shaped metal extrusion on the reverse. Attribution number painted on the obverse. Surfaces are a light golden brown, and where struck are as sharp as the grade suggests.

VG/XF GOOD COLOR

The top of the reverse of this piece is fairly well struck up. There appears to be no sign of the "extra pheon" following the I of ET, as described in the Pine Tree EAC catalogue. The pheon was very indistinct to begin with, and appears only on specimens from a very early reverse state. INTERESTING

BOWERS "MANN-SMEDLEY" SEPT 13-14, 1988

3058 1787 Connecticut copper. M 14-H. F-12. Rarity-4. 121.7 grains. Dark gray-brown with lighter brown surfaces. Usual die states, as Taylor 2426-2428. The only variety to show pheons flanking the date

$33

PINE TREE "BROWN UNIV" MAY 21, 1976

525 **1787 M. 14-H. (R-4) Mailed bust Left.** Later die state, lapped to remove clash marks, removing the extra pheon right of ET. **Fine, some details stronger,** others weaker struck, no nicks or scratches. Dies about 120° apart, unusual. Compare our 1975 EAC sale, lot 94A, at $145 for a somewhat earlier die state. **Far above average,** as a full VF would be of Condition Census level.

$45–

14-H

STACK'S MASS. HIST. SOC. OCT 23, 1970 'MHS'

137 **1787 Miller 14-H.** Mailed Bust Left. Very Fine. The variety with a very small date with a pheon on either side of it. Very slightly off-center so that the bottom of the pheon just the date is off the planchet, otherwise nothing else is affected. A planchet defect at the rim affecting the top of T of AUCTORI. Well struck with full mail and most other details sharp. Dark brown. **PLATE** $27.50

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Lot No. 39

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988 2 NICKS REV. FIELD OK/NICE VF

39 **1787 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 14-H. The variety with pheons (arrows) at the date and in the legends. All of the details are very clear. A strong **Very Fine.** $242 –

1787 Connecticut Miller 14-H

BOWERS "GARRETT SALE", OCT 1, 1980 GARRETT

1359 **1787 Connecticut. Miller 14-H.** 102.0 grains. Close to Rarity-4. The variety with a pheon on each side of the date. Sharp **AU** with some claims to full Mint State. Perfect centering. Full denticles on obverse and reverse. A very sharp strike with only the slightest evidence of light, even "cabinet friction." A lovely glossy medium to dark brown piece. If this piece is not the finest known it certainly is close to the top of the Condition Census. A spectacular coin.

Obtained by John Work Garrett from the Col. James W. Ellsworth Collection.

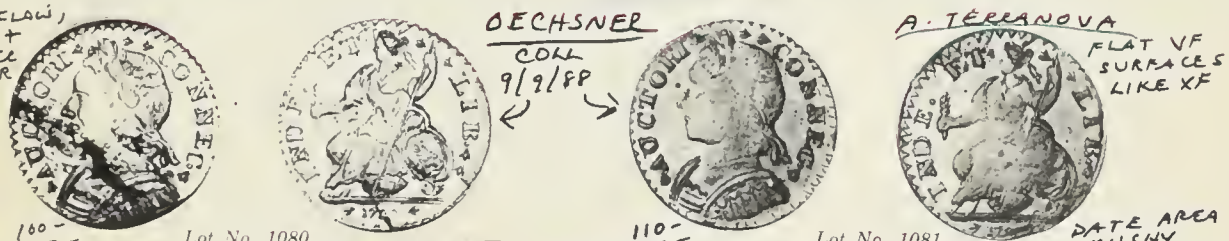
OPEN $175 – SOLD $2,700 –

DEEP FLAW, BUT XF+ OR BETTER NICE COLOR

OECHSNER COLL 9/9/88

A. TERRANOVA

FLAT VF SURFACES LIKE XF



160 – 325 – Lot No. 1080 OECHSNER

110 – 200 – Lot No. 1081 OECHSNER

DATE AREA MUSHY

1080 **1787 Miller 14-H.** Mailed bust left. (R-4). 145.2 grains. **Extremely Fine** or better as far as wear is concerned, but there is a major planchet defect from the armor through the chin to the rim, wiping out the T. A smaller flaw runs up the back of the neck, and there is a thin one through the date. All three vines on the shield are clear, and the "extra pheon" just right of the ET is as clear as we have ever seen it. Multiple die clashing. Deep golden brown and olive, the fields glossy.
$357.50

A. TERRANOVA

1081 **1787 Miller 14-H.** Another. 93.9 grains. Struck on a much thinner planchet. **Very Fine,** weak strike at the centers. A small defect right of RI and a larger one on the neck. Wire edge at the upper reverse, caused by the planchet cutter, and a small clip right of the date. Deep olive toning. Multiple die clashing on both sides.
$220 –

PINE TREE "PROMISED LANDS" APR 30, 1974

259 Similar, but pheons (heraldic arrowheads) in legends. M. 14-H. **Apparently of better than Fine sharpness but weakly struck; two of the three grapevines can still be made out on shield. Dark brown, planchet defective in central rev. as usual. Scarce, the only variety showing pheons.**
$145 –

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

1384 **1787 Miller 14-H** (R-4). 121 grains. Mailed bust left, fleuron over forehead, two more over head. This reverse shows clear tiny date framed by two additional fleurons. Dark brown with lighter tan reliefs. Fine.
77.00

COIN GALLERIES SALE, AUG 20, 1986

1352 1787 M.14-H (R-4). Very Good, deep black fields with lighter brown devices, some planchet defects but sharp date. Pheons in legends clear; late die state with die clashing at upper reverse.
44 –

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9-11, 1987

191 1787 Mailed bust left. M 14 H (R-4). Fine, head detail, the shield and globe of Very Fine sharpness, somewhat weakly struck elsewhere. A thin scratch on Liberty. Later reverse die state, the extra pheon virtually invisible. Upper half of date sharp, the rest off flan and some planchet areas a bit rough.
$60.50

STACK'S W. RISE SALE" SEPT 30, 1966

[illegible] 1787 Mailed bust left. Miller 14 H. The variety with pheons on each side of date. Porch surface but everything clear except ET of reverse legend. Fine.
(25.00)

14-H

1787 14-H WHT. 121.4 GR.

N. PETERS 4/81 - R. MARTIN 12/85 - M. RINGO
FINE/VERY FINE (15-18) DARK BROWN

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6526 Trio of 1787 Connecticut coppers, ~~each with Mailed Bust left obverse design~~ ☆ ~~M 11.1 E. VG-8. Rarity-2. 130.3 grains.~~ ~~Broadly struck on a slightly oval planchet, with edge to top of first C in CONNEC on obverse and at top of IB on reverse. Design details lightly impressed to left of obverse and correspondingly on the reverse~~ ☆ M 13-D. F-12, rough ~~planchet surfaces. Rarity-4. 121.5 grains. Die alignment 250°. Usual comma-like obverse die break from rim to R in AUCTORI. Dies heavily clashed, with evidence seen in obverse fields, particularly before effigy's face. Glossy dark brown surfaces with areas of darker patina~~ ☆ **M 14-H. F-12. Rarity-4. 115.3 grains. Pheons (arrows) at date**, the only issue in the entire Connecticut series with this feature. Lightly struck on the reverse, with bulges obscuring ET and the seated figure's head area to some extent. A scarce and popular issue. (Total: 3 pieces)

132.00

BOWERS' LEXINGTON SALE JAN 6, 1994

79 Connecticut copper trio: ☆ ~~1786 M 5.9-B.1. C-4, defective flan. Rarity-6. 128.7 grains. Deep mahogany brown surfaces fading to black in areas. Heavy patina on both sides. Flan flaw at obverse effigy's head, heavy die breaks on reverse~~ ☆ 1787 M14.-H. VF-30 for sharpness, heavy black patina on medium brown surfaces. Rarity-4. 123.2 grains. Pheons at date, the only such die in the Connecticut copper series. A coin that should be seen ☆ ~~1788 M-2-D. C-4. Rarity-1. 134.2 grains. On an oval flan, not uncommon for this variety. Strong design details remain for the grade, although there is some weakness in the peripheral legends.~~ (Total: 3 pieces)

143.00

BOWERS' R.W. MILLER SALE' NOV 20-21, 1992

2358 Connecticut copper trio: ☆ ~~1786 M 5.4-O.1. Mailed Bust Left. F-15. 142.6 grains. Rarity-2. From a clashed state of the dies, with inverted, incused date details seen above the obverse effigy's head. Deep brown surfaces with some faint obverse and reverse scratches~~ ☆ 1787 M 14-H. Mailed Bust Left. F-15. Rarity-4. 117.9 grains. Die alignment. 270°. A medium tan specimen of this scarce variety, the only issue in the Connecticut copper series with pheons (arrowheads) at the date. Struck slightly off center on the obverse, with a large planchet cut on the rim around the left half of the periphery. Slightly off center on the reverse, with the tops of ET and Liberty's head at the rim. A medium tan specimen with some planchet striations at the center of both sides ☆ 1 OF 3 PIECES

UNSOLD

BOWERS' SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

166 1787 Connecticut copper M 14-H. Mailed Bust Left. VG-8. Rarity-4. 105.3 grains. Die alignment: about 220°. Pheons (arrowheads) at date, the only variety in the entire Connecticut copper series to bear this distinctive marking. A medium tan specimen bearing a few old, scattered marks commensurate with the grade. Slightly off center on the reverse, affecting the top of ET and the seated figure's head. A die cud extends from the rim, nearly covering the E in ET and virtually touching the branch held in the figure's hand. Faint porous surfaces.

As to be expected in a coin of this grade, the extra pheon following the T of ET as described in the Pine Tree/EAC catalogue is not evident. This pheon was very indistinct to begin with, and appears only on specimens from a very early reverse state.

44.00 BK.

BOWERS' FRONTENAC SALE' NOV 20, 1991

338 Pair of 1787 Connecticut coppers: ☆ M 14-H. Mailed Bust Left. Rarity-4. VF-30, obverse flawed and laminated. 111.5 grains. Obverse state equivalent to Taylor:2426/7/8; reverse somewhat earlier, failing across E[T] ☆ ~~M 33.7 A-1. Draped Bust Left. Rarity-3. VF-30, obverse corrosion spot on forehead. 127.9 grains. Struck from the perfect states of both dies. An example of the "Poor Man's CONNEC" variety.~~ (Total: 2 pieces)

132.00

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2123 1787 ~~M.9-E. MBL. Fine. Rarity-6. 102.3 grains. Golden brown, surfaces pitted, edge dented; 1787 M.9-R. MBL. Good overall, sharpness in places of Fine. Rarity-5. 143.9 grains. Golden brown. Soft base obverse, top reverse. "Overdate" bold. Not as rare as once thought~~; **1787 M.14-H. MBL.** Fine. Rarity 4. 154.5 grains. Dark, very rough, flawed; ~~1787 M.15-F. MBL. connect. Sharpness of Very Fine, scratched, obverse graffiti. Rarity-4.~~ 4 pieces.

40.00
210.00
231.00

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

1787 MILLER 14-H

Technical Condition Census

100.00
230.00
253.00

Lot No. 978

EX. R. MARTIN TO M. RINGO

978 **1787 M.14-H. MBL.** Pheons flank date. Rarity 4. **Extremely Fine.** 130.5 gns. Curious reddish-orange obverse, olive and orange reverse colors. Inactive verdigris spots on obverse, both surfaces otherwise appear hard, reverse's semi glossy. A soft impression from the dies. **Technical Condition Census,** there is a handful of Extremely Fine specimens known in the CC. The Pine Tree/EAC'75 example, a Choice Extremely Fine, is high in the CC. Perfect obverse state; reverse die failing at ET, pheon to left of T not visible.

1787 M.14-H Extremely Fine. Light reddish brown.
Via Mike Ringo. WHT. 130.6 GRAINS M. RINGO 8/85 - R. MARTIN 3/87 - D. MITUZAS

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPLM 5 SUMMER 1991

27. 1787 Miller 14-H, close to Very Fine, usual striking weakness at centers. Full legends, most date. Attractive medium brown; a few reverse hairlines do not detract.....$59

8. 1787 MBL, M.14-H. Fine or better, light brown surfaces..... 75.00

14-H

ROSA AMERICANA FALL 1992

Rare Double Struck
Miller 14-H
From the Miller Collection!

35 1787 Connecticut, Miller 14-H Rarity-4 Fine or so Boldly double struck, the first strike centered and the second strike about fifteen percent off center towards six o'clock Thre are two sets of obverse legends from roughly nine o'clock to one o'clock, while the reverse legends are less noticably affected by the double strike On the contrary, the obverse bust shows very little evidence of the double strike, while the reverse seated figure is prominently doubled Attractive medium brown surfaces, with no defects or damage worth mentioning Painted Die Variety in the left obverse field in Henry Clay Miller's scrip Actually, quite an attractive piece, one of only a handful of errors that we can trace on this scarce and popular variety [the only Connecticut copper to have pheons flanking the date] A most impressive piece for both the Connecticut coppers afficiando or the error specialist, made even more so by its impressive pedigree..... $329

The present piece is from the Henry C. Miller collection, and was most likely included in part of Lot 2112 of the sale of his collection by Thomas Elder As usual with Elder's terse cateloguing style, the double striking was not even mentioned [or noticed]

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

335 1787 Connecticut copper. M 14-H. Mailed Bust Left. VG-10. Rarity-4. 109.6 grains. **Boldly double struck.** Hard, glossy medium tan and olive surfaces play host to boldly doubled features on both sides. On the obverse, the legends are boldly doubled, as is the effigy's wreath area. On the reverse, the legends and the seated Liberty are doubled, and a second date line clearly underlines the existing date, with the pheons (arrowheads) at the date plainly evident. Owing to doubling in the area after ET on the reverse, it is not clear whether the faint pheon occasionally found there is evident.

From the Henry C. Miller Collection, with attribution number painted in left obverse field.

110 BK

COIN GALLERIES 'PERKINS DUP'S' APRIL 14, 1993

1976 **Starter set of 1787 Mailed Bust Right varieties,** ~~with some duplicates. Grades range from About Good to Fine, with most being Very Good to Fine. Usual planchet qualities for these grades. Most varying shades of brown.~~ **M.2-B.** ~~Rarity 3,~~ **M.4-L.** ~~Rarity 1.~~ Full "Horn" break; **another.** ~~No "Horn" break,~~ **M.6.1-M.** ~~"Laughing Head". Rarity 1;~~ **M.6.2-M.** ~~"Second Laughing Head". Rarity 3,~~ **M.9-R.** ~~"1787/8 Overdate".~~ **Rarity 6, another, a third; M.11.2-K.** ~~Rarity 3,~~ **another; M.13-D.** ~~Rarity 4;~~ **another**; **M.14-H.** Pheons at Date. Rarity 4; **M.15-F.** ~~CONNECT. Rarity 4. The last of the 1787 MBR varieties until Miller 52.~~ **14** pieces.

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 14, 1993

1979 1787 ~~M 13-D (R-4), 104.8 grains;~~ M.14-H (R-4). 121.3 grains. Both About Good. Mailed Bust Left, reverse distinctly bolder than lower-relief obverse. Light brown. 2 pieces.

27

COIN GALLERIES MAIL BID SALE FEB 10, 1993

2082 1787 ~~M.8-N. Very Good, dark brown, granular. Rarity 4;~~ **M.14-H.** Rough Fine. Green and gray-brown. Rarity ~~4; M.17 g.3. Very Fine, reverse "X" cancelled, verdigris spots. Low Rarity 4~~ 3 pieces.

99

14-H

STACK'S SALE 'JAN 31, 1969

48 1787 Miller 14-H. Rarity 1. Mailed bust left. The variety with pheons at date, and in punctuation. Fine-Very Fine. A medium brown mottled color, somewhat unevenly struck so that the date is weak. Overall a pleasant coin and a difficult one to find really sharp all over. $20 —

NASCA 'M. BRYAN COLL' NOV 2, 1977

17 1787. M. 14-H. R-4. VG-8.
Well centered. Everything readable including date though the latter with some difficulty. Two or three streaky rev. planchet lamination defects.

HERITAGE SALE 'AUG 11-14, 1983

1107 1787 Connecticut EXTREMELY FINE (40) Miller 14-H. (R-3). Mailed Bust Left. Late die state with clashmarks from the obverse shoulder obliterating the pheon after ET on the reverse. Two-tone medium olive with splendid contrast. Struck on a perfect round planchet with the minimal defects all but hidden by the color. Sharpness-wise, this is easily the finest we've handled and probably trails only 1975 EAC: 94A as the finest known. The condition rarity of this piece is doubled by its type status; this is the only known Connecticut die employing pheons (i.e., heraldic arrowheads).
275 VF

BOWER'S 'ARNOLD & ROMISA 'SEPT 17-19, 1984 LOT # 630

1787 Mailed Bust left. Miller 14-H. Arrowheads at date. Fine or better. (Total: 3 pieces) 154 —
1 OF 3 PIECES

BOWER'S 'ARNOLD & ROMISA' SEPT 17-19, 1984

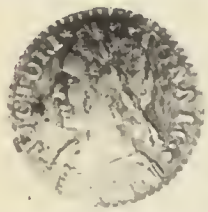
1787 Miller 14-H. Mailed Bust left. Very Good. (Total: 4 pieces) 99 —

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

M.14-H. Good; LOT # 1225
1 OF 6 PIECES

STACK'S SALE MAY 13, 1982

59 ~~1786 M.5.9-B.1, M.B.L.~~; 1787 M.14-H, M.B.L. arrows at date; ~~1787 M.39.2-Z.17, D.B.L.~~; ~~1787 M.39.39-S.1, D.B.L.~~ All are a nice Very Good with a sharp date. Lot of 4 pieces. 130 — WHT. 131.1 GRAINS R. MARTIN 3/87 - D. MITUZAS



BOWER'S RCR # 12 SEPT, 1971

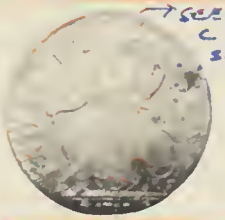
1787 Mailed bust left. Arrows at date and legends. An interesting VF-EF, inexpensive at just 100.00

BOWER'S "ARNOLD & ROMISA' SEPT 17-19, 1984

631 ~~Group of Connecticut coppers:~~ 1787 Miller 14-H. Mailed Bust left. Arrows at date; ~~1787 Miller 17-g.3. Draped Bust left; 1787 Miller 19-g.4. Draped Bust left; 1787 Miller 29.2-N. Draped Bust left.~~ Average Fine to Very Fine. ~~A nice quartette!~~ (Total: 4 pieces) 121 —
121 -

BOWER'S 'RIVER OAK'S & KRUG JOHNN NOV 11-13, 1976

353 ~~Pair of Connecticut coppers:~~ ~~(1) 1787 Mailed bust left. Miller 14-H. Very Good; (2) 1787 Draped bust left. Miller 31-2.v.3. VF-EF.~~ (Total: 2 pieces)



→ SEE BOWER'S C. SCHENKEL SALE NOV 14, 1990 # 5279 AS VF-30

BOWER'S RCR # 14 APRIL, 1972

1787 Mailed bust left. Arrows at date and at legends. One of the most interesting of all Connecticut varieties, in our opinion. Miller 14-H. Rarity 3. Fair $11.00; Good $18.00; Fine $49.00; VF-EF 129.00

BOWER'S "M. ROTHERT COLL" NOV 16-17, 1973

646 ~~Connecticut coppers. An interesting grouping from the Rothert Collection which contains several distinctive varieties: 1785 African head (Miller's variety 4.1-E.1). VF-EF, some old marks; 1787 Horned bust. Miller 4-L. Late die state with horn feature very prominent. Very Fine;~~ 1787 Miller 14-H. Variety with pheons (arrows) at date and legends. Nice Very Fine. Interesting coin; ~~1787 Draped bust left. Miller 32.7-X.1. Rarity 5. Attractive Very Fine, with all features sharply and prominently defined; 1787 Draped bust left. Miller 33.34-W.2. Rarity 5. Very Fine. Diagonal die break bisects reverse from colon after INDE to colon after ET LIB.. A very choice grouping which should attract considerable attention from specialists.~~ (Total: 5 pieces)
$150 -

"BOWER'S R.C.R. NO # 43 APRIL, 1982 RCR # 44

1787 Mailed bust left. Miller 14-H (R-4). Arrowheads punctuating legends on both sides. Good, weak at rims, date not legible. Scarce, a distinctive type, and more attractive than it sounds 29.00

1787 Mailed bust left. Arrows at date and legends. 14-H. (R-3). RARE COIN REVIEW # 5 MAY, 1970 : EF, clipped planchet . . 49.00

N. PETERS LIST, SPRING, 1981
1787 MILLER 14-H
VAR. WITH ARROWS AT DATE NICE VF $75.00

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION), 1989

14-H	1787	F+/F+	R4	Large crimped rim burr
14-H	1787	G/G	R4	Crimped rim burr on rev.
14-H	1787	F-/F-	R4	Crimped rim burr on obv.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
14-H	17[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] burr.
14-H	1787	F/F	R4	Nice overall

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

14-H 11544 (8, hole) VG
5197 (12) FINE 12
9489 (50) ABT UNC (50)

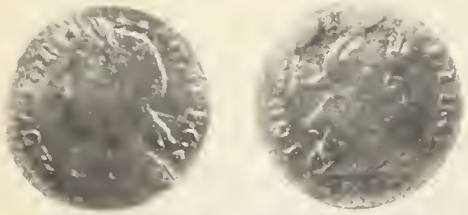
STACK'S SALE MAY 13, 1982

55 ~~1785 M.3.5-B~~; 1787 M.14-H, M.B.L., arrows at date; ~~1787 M.17-g.3, D.B.L.~~; ~~1787 M.39.1-h.1, D.B.L., AUCTORI~~. All are Very Good to Fine. Lot of 4 pieces. 100 —

14-H

MAYFLOWER" STEARNS COLL" DEC 2, 1966 +4-

177 1787 Mailed Bust left 14 H (R3). Very Good. Scratches on reverse.



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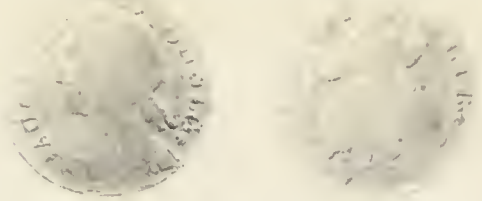


2006 - 1787. Connecticut. (Miller 14-H. Rarity-4). Pheons (Heraldic Arrowheads) in legends on both sides. The only variety showing them Pleasing dark brown VG-10, several ancient scs. An important type coin.

DOWNIE-LEPCZYK SALE #74 APRIL 11, 1987

1270P 1787. Connecticut. (Miller 14-H, R-4). Pheons (Heraldic Arrowheads) in legends. This is the only variety with this feature. Dark brown VG-10, several very lt ancient scs. Scarce. 45-

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN, 1985

47) 1787 M.14-H Very Fine-30. Smooth glossy surfaces excepting a diagonal planchet striation across reverse. Fairly well centered.

48) 1787 M.14-H Fine. Smooth brown planchet. Reverse slightly off center causing weakness in date area. White ink attribution in obverse fields. (No Provenance)

49) 1787 M.14-H Fine to Very Fine. Smooth glossy medium brown with some light planchet striae on obverse and reverse. White ink attribution on obverse fields. A few edge defects with the most notable being at 5 o'clock on obverse. (No Provenance)

L. MERKIN SALE OCT 21, 1973

160 — 1787 Miller 14–H. Rarity 3. F–VF. Obverse slightly off center. Reverse well centered with full date.
28-

NEW NETHERLAND'S 60TH SALE DEC 3-4, 1968

337 Similar. Pheons (heraldic arrowheads) in legends. **M. 14-H** (Rarity 3). Fine plus about periphery, but weakly impressed at centers. Mostly a light tan and dark brown, the obverse displaying a little brick-red patina. A fairly clean appearing coin, even though careful examination discloses two or three fine rev. scratches about the upper part of the figure.
20-

NEW NETH. 'NUMISMA AUG, 1954 VOL. I NO. 3

890 1787. Head of '88; Arrowheads in legends. M. 14-H. V.F. A really unlisted "type." Interesting. $6.85

891 Same. Barely Fine; cleaner than the last. $3.75

EX. MILLER COLL" LOT # 2112, 1920

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

80 **1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 14-H. Mailed Bust Left, with pheons at the date. Rarity 4. 163.4 grains. Very Fine.** Somewhat weakly struck on a planchet with a few problems. It appears that someone, in order to give the coin a more pleasing appearance, started to engrave denticles and an ornament at the top of the reverse. Painted die variety in Miller's script in the obverse field. A naked-eye type coin, and the only variety of any year with pheons flanking the date. EX ORCHSNER SALE LOT # 1220 1 OF 9 PIECES $149

This coin appeared as part of Lot 2112 in the Henry C. Miller sale.

80

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

81 **1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 14-H, another. Rarity 4. 90.2 grains. Mailed Bust Left, with pheons at the date. Fine.** Attractive light brown planchet, without the major flaws that are usually found on this variety. A very popular type coin.....$79

For the specialists in this series we note that the weight of this coin is some 44% lighter than the above issue. This may represent two distinct issues of this variety, one at a much later date.

BOWERS' 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDEC' MAR 28, 1990

1081 1787 Connecticut copper. M 14-H. Rarity-4. F-15-VF-20. 90.2 grains. Reverse die aligned at 190°. Light golden brown. Reverse struck slightly off center, affecting the bases of the date numerals primarily. Several old obverse scratches can be seen. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2426 and 2427. This is the only Connecticut variety with pheons flanking the date. $88- RIM DENTS
ROCK LIST $79-

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

57 1787 Mailed Bust Left M #14 H (R 4) Sharply "double struck" with the 2nd impression 75% off center! GOOD 4 with light surface pitting. Interesting and highly desirable.
$100-

14-H

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.14-H
ABOUT UNCIRCULATED
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

*147 1787 M.14-H. MBL. R-4 for the dies. Rough strong Fine. 109.6 gns. Brown fields, lighter high points. Miller number in a fine hand on obverse. **Shift double struck, High R-7 for the "error,"** obverse down and to the right, reverse up and to right. MINOR SHIFT

400
400
440

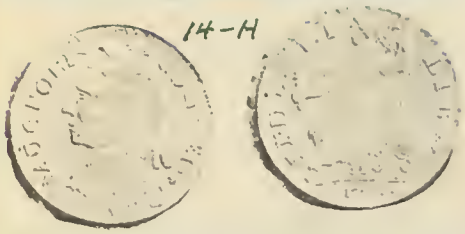
147

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

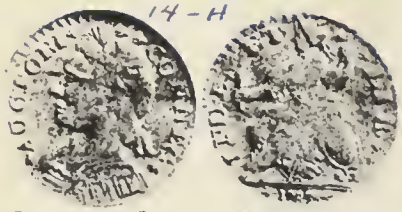
4.00 1887 1787. Head l. .:. AUCTORI .:. .:. .:. CONNEC .:. (fleuron punctuation). Rx. Lib. L. INDE. ET .:. .:. LIB . .:. and fleurons at either side of date. Uncirculated. Ex. rare. (Cost $10) Crosby Pl. IV. No. 14 and 14-H. Plate.

.16 2112 1787. C. 14-H (4); ~~15-F.~~, Parmelee Coll'n. Avg. G. several very good. 9 pcs.

CROSBY PLATED (1875)
14-H



STANDARD CATALOUGE (1947)
14-H



SEE CROSBY PLATE

VLACK PLATE (1965)
14-H

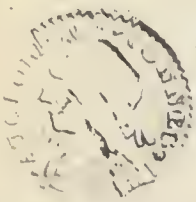
COIN GALLERIES' PICKER REF. COLL' 7/22/92

2642 Pair of distinct 1787 MBL coppers. M 12-Q. ~~1787 1657 "Overdate" variety. R-5. 119.8 gns. Fine where struck up. Reverse rim flawed at 9 o'clock. States as Roper 242; no break on reverse rim in B. "Overdate" not visible;~~ M 14-H. Pheons at date (the only variety so). R-4. 160.6 gns. Sharpness of ~~Choice~~ Fine. Heavily flawed on reverse. Obverse clip at 11:30. Reverse die failing under second E. 2 pieces.

39.00 OK COLOR VG

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1987)

778 1787 Pheons.
M. 14-H. Pheons are heraldic arrowheads. Crosby, Pl. V, 15. Only the rare earliest state shows extra pheon following T of ET. 102–116 grs. = 6.61–7.52 gms.



BREEN PLATE
EX. PINE TREE
SALE OCT 1, 1976
LOT #18

BREEN PLATE

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PINE TREE SALE OCT 1, 1976

18 1787. M. 14-H (R-4). EF in surface quality and sharpness of most details. PHOTO.
Some central regions are weak because of the uneveness of the strike. Attractive tan patination. Several fairly deep Obv. and Rev. planchet flaws which do not detract from the desirability of this specimen. See 1975 E.A.C. lots 94 (condition census, nearly EF, at $475) and 94A. 70 –

STACK'S 1976 ANA SALE AUG 24, 1976

49 ~~1785 and 1787 Lot of four major types: 1785 Miller 4.1-F.4. The African head.~~ ~~An excellent coin but marred by a tiny hole through the center; 1787 Miller 4.L (scratches and dents). The early state of the horned bust with the break just starting and appearing only as a crescent under the chin; 1787 Miller 6.1-M. Laughing head;~~ 1787 Miller 14-H. The variety with pheons on either side of the date. ~~A nice little group.~~ VERY GOOD TO FINE. 4 pieces. 60.00

60 –

14-H

DAVID SONDERMAN'S LIST AUG, 1981

34 1787 Mailed Bust Left, M-14-H. Pheons (Arrows) at date. Fine or better, clean dark brown planchet 85.00

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

58 1787 Mailed Bust Left M #14-H (R-4) Fleurons at date. GOOD-6; ~~Draped Bust Left M #16.1 m (R-3) VERY GOOD-10, slightly porous with an edge flaw at 12 o'clock.~~ (Lot of 2 pieces). $30-

N. PULLEN LIST #2, 1976

VF M14-H R4 90.

N. PULLEN LIST, 1979

" M 14-H, R4 F-VF 65.

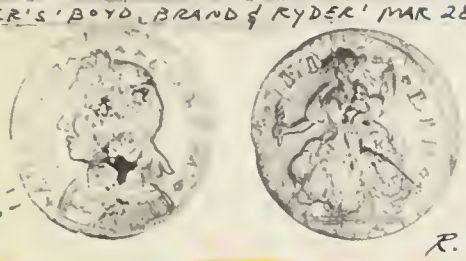
BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

LOT # 2501 M 14-H. F-15. Rarity-4. 120.1 grains. 28.0mm. 210°. Medium golden brown. Planchet cutter lip reverse from 3:00 to 4:00. Reverse die clash, ET faint; 1 OF 10 PIECES NORWEB

KAGINS' LIST, SEPT, 1981

1787 CONNECTICUT 14-H. Rarity-4 Mailed bust left VG 95.00

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990



GOOD COLOR XF VALUE AS LOW VF

40-100-

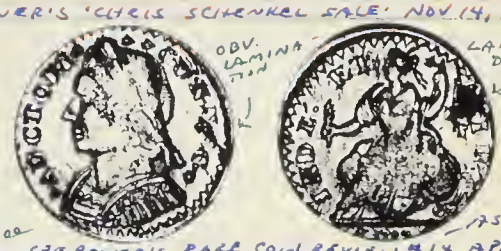
R. MARTIN

1177 1787 Connecticut copper. M 14-H. Mailed Bust Left. 125.6 grains. Rarity-4. Sharpness of EF-40, glossy surfaces. Deeply flawed in places, one through the flan. Miller attribution number painted in yellow in the left obverse field. Reverse struck off center, INDE mostly off flan. Die edge not fully visible on the reverse. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2428. An interesting example for the specialist. *Ex Hays, Ryder collections, U.S. Coin Co. auction lot envelope, numbered "525," and envelope accompany this lot.* $110-

D. LINETT MAIL BID SALE #2 AUG, 1985

236. As above. Miller 15-F. (R-4). CONNECT. Choice Very Fine. Light olive brown. There are visible planchet defects at the upper obverse and the lower reverse; it should be stressed that this variety is unknown without some amount of planchet flaws. Far above average and a nice type coin. $300

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990



OBV. LAMINATION

LAMINATION DEFECT

AS VF/XF

176.00 SEE BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APR, 1972

5679 1787 M 14-H. Rarity-4. Sharpness of VF-30, obverse and reverse heavy flaws, common to this variety. 113.1 grains. Obverse clashed, reverse heavily so. Reverse slightly off center. Light olive, surfaces semi-glossy. An example of the only variety with pheons beside date.

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5387 1787 Connecticut copper. M14-H. Mailed Bust left. 96.7 grains. Rarity-4. VG-8, dark, porous. Traces of old verdigris on both sides. Obverse state equivalent to Taylor:2426/7; reverse state later, the die clearly failing at ET. *Ex Hays: Ryder Collections. Ticket and Henry: Chapman stock envelope accompany this lot.* 27.50

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5386 1787 Connecticut copper. M11.2-K. Mailed Bust left. 157.7 grains. Rarity-3. VG-8, dark on both sides. Heavy obverse rim dent at 11:00. Obverse state earlier than Taylor:2420, the break connecting CT not as developed. *Ex Ryder Collection. Henry Chapman stock envelope accompanies this lot.* TO R. MARTIN 33.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, NOV, 1983

Mailed Bust Left, M.14-H. Fine or better, the variety with pheons the date. Glossy brown surfaces with no defects..... 60.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, FEB, 1984

8. 1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.14-H. The variety with pheons at date. Good, clean brown surfaces with full date and about 2/3 of legends..... 15.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, FEB, 1984

9. 1787 Mailed Bust Left, another M.14-H. Fine or better by wear, but lightly porous with spots of corrosion on reverse..... 20.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, JULY, 1986

10. 1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.14-H. Very Good or better, dark brown flan with traces of porosity. The variety with pheons in the legends..... 30.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #45 OCT, 1986

28. 1787 Miller 14-H. Fine-12, R-4. Pheons in legend on both sides. Hence, a distinct type. Nice. $65

DICK AUGUST LIST, DEC, 1981

46. 1787 Mailed Bust Left, 14H, AF struck on an extremely small planchet at the mint, interesting and full legends still $45-

PINE TREE 'E. MORTON SALE' OCT 18, 1975

543 1787. Mailed Bust Left ~~M.11.1-L (high R-2). Fine plus, uneven strike, surfaces with uniform porosity~~ M.14-H (R-4), one detail Fine, others weaker, planchet lamination defects as made ~~M.15-L (R-4), (AVF), Fine, Very Good, weak uneven strike and pitting, some obv. pitting in back of head, clear impressions, weak, (see lots 541, 542 and 547 Ar. M (and M1A) respectively)~~ (3 pcs. ($250.-300.) 65-

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #4 SPRING, 1991

14-H

CONDITION CENSUS EXAMPLE ?

of

MILLER 14-H

--variety with pheons at date--

SEE EX. BOWERS "CHRIS SCHENKEL" SALE NOV 14, 1990 LOT # 5679 (PLATE) AS VF 30 AT $170.00 - BOWERS RCR # 14 APRIL, 1992 (PLATE)

54. **1787. Miller 14-H,** Breen 778. Pheons at Date. Rarity-4. 113.2 grains. **Extremely Fine.** Incredibly well struck, with many of the original die engraver's finishing lines visible within the letters of the reverse legend; the only weakness, as is always seen on the variety, is the central hair detail on the obverse and the corresponding area of the reverse; undoubtedly these areas were cut quite deeply into the dies and, with the available striking pressure, the metal just couldn't flow into those areas. There are a few small laminations on the obverse and a somewhat larger one obscuring the L of LIB on the reverse, however the rest of the legends as well as the all-important date area and pheons are clear and sharp. Very attractive medium brown, somewhat glossy surfaces. Slightly more appealing than the Oechsner and Roper specimen, and much nicer than the Taylor or Norweb coins; the finest example of the variety that we've ever been able to offer; undoubtedly high in the Condition Census. **(PLATE)**.....$389

This is the only reverse die to have pheons flanking the date; their purpose is unknown, but could well be the "private mark" of a particular engraver—another one of the many mysteries that make colonial issues so intriguing!

We know of the following examples in the Condition Census:

1) Miller: 1887, Uncirculated [possibly the following coin].
2) Ellsworth-Garrett: 1359, AU/Uncirculated.
3) The present coin. ?
4) Oechsner: 1080, Extremely Fine, heavy flaws.
5) Roper: 244, Extremely Fine, weak centers.
6) EAC '76: 2123, Extremely Fine, heavy flaws both sides.
7) Hall-Brand-EAC '75, Very Fine/Extremely Fine.
8) Taylor: 2427, Very Fine/Extremely Fine, severely off center

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55. **1787. Miller 14-H,** another, 98.7 grains. Fine to Very Fine. Full legends, the date is about half there. Medium brown, with the usually seen weakness associated with the variety; there are a few hairline scratches on the reverse, none of which are detracting. Choice for the grade, and a pleasing example of a scarcer variety and a distinct type piece.....$99

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

139 **1787 Connecticut coppers,** all MBL, all with Miller numbers in a coarse hand on the obverse. ~~M.6.2-M. Another. Very Good/Fine, huge cutter clip. 94.9 gns.;~~ ~~M.8-N. R-4. Very Good to Fine, off center. 142.9 gns.;~~ **M.14-H.** R-4. Rough About Fine, some heavy edge burrs or old dents. 121.3 gns.; ~~M.15-F. R-4. CONNECT. Rough Fine, 90.4 gns.; M.19-g.4. R-3. About Fine, off center. 133.9 gns.~~ **5 pieces.** 180 150 198

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

145 **1787** ~~M.12-Q. "1787/1887," IN DE. Another. Fine, flawed, off center. 116.7 gns.; M.13-D. MBL. R-4. Strong Fine but rough and bent slightly. Miller number in a faded fine hand on obverse. 106.8 gns.;~~ **M.14-H. MBL.** R-4. Strong Fine, cleaned. 107.1 gns.; ~~M.16.1-m. DBL. R-4. Very Good/Fine, reverse flawed. 164.7 gns; M.16.2-NN.1. DBL. R-5. Very Good/Fine, granular. 148.1 gns; M.18-g.1. DBL. R-4 (underrated, possibly R-5 or 5+). About Fine/Very Good. Miller number in a coarse hand on obverse. 129.2 gns.~~ **6 pieces.** 30 300 330

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STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER JUNE 8, 1994

200 625 687.50

Lot No. 54

DON PARTRICK JUST OK XF

54 **1787 M.14-H. MBL.** R-3 (revised, possibly R-2). Pheons at Date variety. **Good Extremely Fine,** good olive color. 127.0 gns. Obverse surface smooth and glossy, short clash mark under chin, small rim nick at 4:30. Reverse heavily clashed, rough at upper left in consequence and discolored there, a couple of hidden rim dents. We have seen seven Extremely Fine examples of 14-H and two AU's.

From S.H. & H. Chapman's July 7, 1904 sale, lot 377, there called "Very Fine." Ryder's ticket accompanies this lot.

BOWER'S "GREENWALD & JACKSON SALE" SEPT 11-13, 1995

3115 1787 M 14-H. Mailed Bust Left. Choice Fine to VF for sharpness, cleaned long ago. Rarity-4. 114.6 grains. Pheons (arrowheads) at date, the only reverse to utilize this punctuation style. Deep reddish tan. A nice example for the collector desiring an affordable specimen of the type. 50 80 85

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

135 1787 Connecticut, Miller 14-H, another. 114.2 grains. Very Good, weaker at the right side, as is common for the variety, affecting NNEC and LIB in the legends, as well as the date. Medium brown, slightly rough surfaces. An inexpensive example of this popular type coin.....$22

14-H

EAN AUCTION (D. LINETT) SEPT 16, 1995

393 1787 CT Copper, Miller 14-H, Extremely Fine. Rarity 4. Extremely well struck for the variety. This piece has virtually no wear and would make the About Uncirculated grade were it not for an area of surface roughness on the reverse. Otherwise, this coin is extremely glossy and has great eye appeal, especially on the obverse. A couple of cracks and flaws are noted, all of which were part of the planchet before this coin was struck. This is a great coin for the advanced specialist..... (400-500)

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3rd C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

246. FIVE CONNECTICUT COPPERS. ~~1786 M.5.4-O.1 MBL (R-2) VG10 131.2 gns. Attribution number painted onto obverse left field. Medium brown. Full legends and date, although somewhat weak in spots. Obverse punch mark. Planchet flaws at obverse rim 6-8 o'clock. WITH 1787 M.6.1-M MBL (R-1) VG8 95.3 gns. "Laughing Head" variety. Medium brown. Uneven detail on obverse. Attribution number painted onto obverse field. Entire reverse weak. WITH~~ 1787 M.14-H MBL (R-4) G6 116.2 gns. Dark, rough planchet. Bent with rim bumps. No date.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

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140. M23 1787 CONNECTICUT M.14-H MBL (R-4) VG10 131.1 gns. Delightful for the grade. Smooth semi-glossy light olive brown. This is the only Connecticut variety with ornaments, called pheons, flanking the date. On this, partially as a result of being struck slightly high on the reverse, the date and pheons are bold. Reverse rotated 30 degrees.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

210. 33rd 1787 CONNECTICUT M.14-H MBL (R-4) F12 115.3 gns. The only variety with "pheons" flanking the date, here clearly visible. Two tone dark and medium chocolate. Scattered light porosity, though reflective, but of more concern are numerous fine tone pin scratchs on both sides. At first glance fairly innocuous, until viewed under magnification, then difficult to ignore.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3rd C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

249. FIVE CONNECTICUT COPPERS. 1787 M.14-H MBL (R-4) VG8 90.4 gns. Dark, granular planchet. Date weak.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3rd C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

419. NINE STATE COPPERS MIX. 1787 Connecticut M.14-H MBL (R-4) G4 115.0 gns. Reddish brown, well centered. Partially visible date.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

139 1787 Connecticut. Miller 14-H, "Pheons at Date" reverse. Rarity-4. 120.2 grains. Choice Fine, some details closer to a low-end VF grade. Boldly struck, with full legends, and the all-important date with the pheon ornaments flanking it sharp and strong. Medium brown surfaces, evenly matte-like but free of any sort of post-striking damage or defect. There is a small straight clip at the top of the obverse and a pair of raised knobs on the rims [the result of a defective planchet cutter] visible from the obverse at K-7 and K-9. This defective planchet cutters products are actively collected by specialists since it suggests that varieties that share these planchets were probably struck at the same mint, around the same time. This is the first example of this variety that we have seen on this planchet stock, and it may contribute to a change in the mint attribution of the series!.....$49

From the Mrs. Lillian S. Willins collection, purchased from C. H. Benjamin of Florida in January, 1981

The pheon ornaments on the reverse of this die are found on no other die in the entire Connecticut copper series or on any other state coinage issue. Breen thought that they were a mintmark of sorts, though that remains unproven. We note that the 1785 Immune Columbia issues features a date flanked by ornaments, and the variety may be nothing more than an engraver who saw a specimen of that issue, thought they looked attractive and tried it out.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

134 1787 Connecticut, Miller 14-H, the "Pheons" reverse. Rarity-4. 115.6 grains. Very Fine or so in terms of actual wear, but somewhat haphazardly struck, resulting in some areas appearing weaker than the grade here assigned. NEC and LIB are weak, the rest of the legends strong, as is the date. The design details are weak at the absolute centers, though stronger as you move away from that area, so you really do have some parts of the devices that are quite strong. Medium brown planchet, with a few light striations that are noticable on the right side of the coin. The coin has good eye appeal, the color is nice and there are remnants of glossy surfaces on either side, making this a fairly attractive example of this popular type coin, the only reverse die to have pheons flanking the date. It's also inexpensive at only.....$79

There's no really sound theory around to explain the pheons at the date, confined solely to this reverse die, which was only used in this combination. Breen thought it may have served as a "mintmark" of sorts, while other scholars have suggested that they were the personal mark of the die engraver.

McCawley & Greenman 3rd C4 Sale Nov 8, 1997

177. 1787 CONNECTICUT ML14-H MBL (R-3) F12 141.1 gns. Pheons Flanking Date type. The only Connecticut copper with these ornamental punches by the date. Chocolate brown with some darker shadowing. Scattered porosity but quite reflective. Dies appear to be failing, the reverse surface uneven as made. Also flawed near chin with clear full pheons. ALSO ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 LOT # 151 SUMMER 1999

McCawley & Greenman 3rd C4 Sale Nov 8, 1997

176. 1787 CONNECTICUT ML14-H MBL (R-3) F15 128.0 gns. Pheons Flanking Date type. The only Connecticut copper with these ornamental punches by the date. They are displayed well here. Chocolate brown, reasonably smooth, all features fully present. Flawed at obverse chin, tiny chip 12:30 reverse, no significant marks.

1787 14-H ANS ASCENSION 2005 (BARNSLEY)

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST # 13 SUMMER 1998

184. 1787 Connecticut. Miller 14-H, the "Pheons at Date" reverse variety. Rarity-4. 153.4 grains. Very Fine or slightly better in terms of strike and wear received. As usually found with this variety, the strike is slightly erratic, though this one is stronger than most that we have seen, with just the very top of Liberty's head weak on the reverse. The legends are bold and extremely strong, save for the T of ET on the reverse, which is just a bit weaker than the rest. The all-important date with the tiny pheons at either side – something unique in the series – is fully on the planchet and bold. The design details are all crisp and sharp, including hair details and nice leaf detail on the wreath the obverse effigy wears; the reverse has a full wheat ear in Liberty's hand and even has two full grapevines visible on the shield. Medium brown surfaces, generally hard. There are a couple of minor striations on either side, though not the least bit obtrusive. A naked-eye type coin, the only reverse in the entire series to use ornaments near the date, and a coin that would be difficult to improve upon.....$189

There is no really sound explanation to explain the pheons at the date [as well as used in the legends on both sides]; Breen thought it may have been some sort of mintmark, others have suggested that it was the personal mark of one engraver. In any event, both this obverse and reverse die were used ONLY in this combination, and are presumably not a product of the official mints.

14-H

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

A Very Small Planchet Miller 14-H

152. 1787 Connecticut Copper. Miller 14-H, another. 102.6 grains. Very Fine, struck on an AMAZINGLY small planchet measuring just 24.75 mm in diameter! Even though the planchet is so small, the legends are somehow still all on the coin, the very tops of ET off at the top of the reverse! The pheons at either side of the date are mostly visible, but only the last digit can be seen. Very pleasing medium tan devices with darker brown surfaces, which produces an attractive two-tone look to the coin. The obverse is choice for the grade, the reverse with a few spots of roughness, the only one of note being at the seated figure's branch hand. A specimen that will greatly intrigue the Connecticut specialist – the fact that the planchet is so much smaller than other recorded example offers just a few probable explanations – either the coin is a counterfeit (unlikely since it appears die struck, has rounded off edges and has a good "ring") or is struck over another issue (no undertype is visible) or, more likely, that it was struck on a distinctly different planchet (which, because of the reduced diameter, would have required a different planchet cutter having been used). In any event, a piece that certainly has a story to tell, and one that will invite its share of discussion by specialists. $179

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

15-F

The Three CONNECT Varieties

97 1787. M. 15-F. R-4. Obv. AUCTORI CONNECT and seven cinquefoils. Rev. INDE ET LIB (B corrected from R) with eight cinquefoils. **Almost Extremely Fine, light warm reddish brown,** sharply struck except on legs. Several small planchet defects on both sides, couple of edge cracks; two small shallow rim dents, of no consequence. (We have never seen one of this variety without planchet defects.) Attribution on face. **one of possibly three sharpest specimens known,** and this is considerably finer than the Craige piece pictured in Taxay, or lot 161 of the Merkin Oct. 1973 sale; tied with the Miller Plate example. From the Bowers list, well into three figures; earlier, believed ex Dr. Hall, Brand. **(Photo)** $160 **($250.–up)**

$160

EAC'75

97

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

Superb Condition 1787 M. 15-F

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE FEB 15, 1987

97A **1787. Another M. 15-F,** obv. rusted and with various other light die flaws. Rev. Rusted and cracked from rim to top of head. this crack unknown to Miller. Difficult to grade. this has some details of apparently practically full original sharpness, others very weak as struck on an unusually thin planchet, affecting CTORI and INDE with adjacent cinquefoils and 1 of date. **Light brown with faded mint lustre and traces of original red. There are a couple of patches of purplish patina in rev. field. It is unlikely that this piece was in circulation for more than a few hours if at all; its technical grade** (based entirely on amount of wear or other after-striking impairment) **WOULD HAVE TO BE UNCIRCULATED** though this weakness of striking might deceive the inexperienced (as it did the dealer from whom this was bought many years ago). **(Photo)** $500 **($750.–up)**

$500

EAC'75

97A

PINE TREE
FEB 15, 1975
EAC'75 SALE

344* **1787.** Similar, but normal date and legends, obv. AUCTORI CONNECT. **M. 15-F.** R-4. **Fine or better, some details suggest VF;** possibly this is a VF coin weakly struck. Light and medium brown with reddish areas; light mint clip above NE; date not legible. Dies apparently rusted and reground — a die state we do not recall seeing before. Usual quota of planchet defects, mostly on obv., plainest on face; small obv. rim dent. Ex Alan Kessler coll. **(Photo)** EAC'75 **($150.–up)**

$135

*Bids accepted by mail only.

EAC'75 SALE 2-15-75

345* **1787. Another M. 15-F. Good or better,** some rev. details VG; planchet defect at edge affects cuirass and E of ET; most of AUCTORI and IN off flan. **(Photo)** EAC'75 **($50.–up)**

$50

*Bids accepted by mail only.

Lot No. 40 OK VF

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988

40 **1787 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 15-F The CONNECT variety A lovely specimen, glossy light brown. A small planchet flaw at the second N in CONNECT A nice **Very Fine.** $302.50

KAGIN'S SALE # 313 SEPT 29-30, 1978

1645 1787 M 15 F (R 1) AUCTORI CONNECT and 7 cinquefoils INDE ET LIB Corrected "B" in LIB with 8 cinquefoils VERY FINE 25, sm planchet flaw below bust as usual Somewhat sharper struck in some areas 87 in date gone 250 100

PAUL KAGIN LIST, APR, 1984

1787 M B F M15 F Rarity 4 AUCTORI CONNECT & 7 Cinquefoils Very Fine X sharp small planchet defect at edge as struck 200.00

15-F

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

1787 M 15-F

Probable Condition Census

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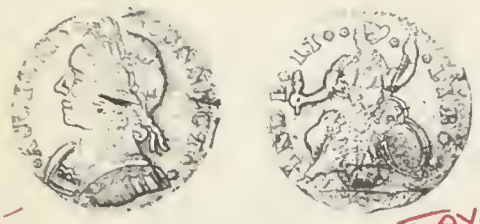
VF OVERALL



$275 —

TAYLOR

2429 1787 Connecticut. M 15-F. Mailed Bust Left. 131.2 grains. R-4. EF-40, probable Condition Census piece. Even, dark golden brown surfaces. Typical flaws, as usually found on this variety, one obscuring E on the obverse. Same die state as Pine Tree E.A.C., Lot 97 A, thin crack reaching from back of head to between NN on the obverse. Vine branches on reverse shield sharp, as are the strands in Liberty's hair and some of the folds of her drapery around her neck.

The finest appears to be the specimen offered in New Netherlands 51st Sale June 1958, Lot 89, the second finest may well be the Pine Tree E.A.C. example, Lot 97 A. This present piece is finer than either the Pine Tree E.A.C. specimen offered in Lot 97, or the Stack's Picker specimen, Lot 155.

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

577 1787 Mailed Bust Left. 15-F (R-3). Obverse with error spelling CONNECT. Reverse with legend spaced INDE ET to left and LIB right. Extremely Fine plus. Dark planchet with some striae. One of the finest CONNECT pieces in existence. Worth a liberal bid! $90 —

STACK'S ROBISON SALE" FEB 10, 1982

129 1787 Mailed Bust Left. M.15-F. The "CONNECT" variety. Well struck and centered on a relatively clean planchet. One of the scarcer legend blunders. **Very Fine.**

$170

DECENT

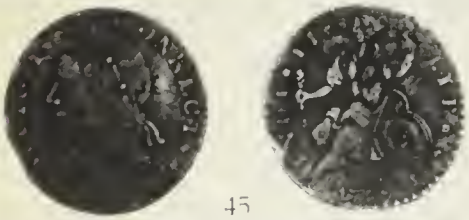
ONCE CLEANED

$132

BOWER'S 'ARNOLD & ROMISA SEPT 17-19, 1984

632 1787 Connecticut. Miller 15-F. CONNECT obverse. Fine to Very Fine, with the reverse being sharper than the obverse. Scarce major lettering variation.

EX. STACK'S "ROBISON LOT #129 FEB, 1982 AT $170 —



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$200 — CARNEGIE MUSUEM
SPINK & SON NO #3 MARCH 24, 1983

45 Connecticut 1787 Copper, mailed bust left (Miller 15-F). Rarity 3. *Good fine.*

STACK'S "PICKER" SALE OCT 24, 1984

'PICKER'

155 1787 Mailed Bust Right. Miller 15-F. 90.7 grains. The scarce CONNECT obverse with the commonly seen reverse. Usually found on a defective flan, this piece, while quite light, has **no striations**. Evenly struck and centered, although the thin planchet puts the detail in rather shallow relief. A pleasing light brown, with the surfaces void of any marks or scratches. Another fine Connecticut type piece. **Very Fine.** $209 —

STACK'S "LAIRD U. PARK" MAY 26, 1976

[illegible] **The CONNECT variety.** Very slightly off center affecting only [illegible] the letters AUCTORI. The reverse is almost perfectly [illegible] everything on the planchet. This variety almost always [illegible] defective planchet. Fortunately this coin has only a minimum [illegible] mostly on the reverse. A very sharp strike [illegible] The reverse is also very sharp showing the [illegible] in full detail, full date, etc. An excellent [illegible] of this scarce type. EXTREMELY FINE. $130 —

15-F

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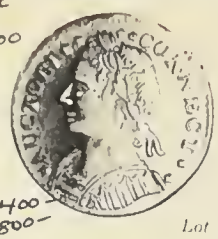

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Lot No. 1082
OECHSNER

OECHSNER
COLL
9/9/88

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VF, OK COLOR
MOTTLES BROWN

D. PARTRICK

Lot No. 1083
OECHSNER

1082 **1787 Miller 15-F.** Mailed bust left. (R-4). CONNECT variety. 121.9 grains. **Extremely Fine,** a couple of small nicks on the obverse. A planchet flaw through Liberty's neck into the field, and two small ones right of the date. Deep blackish brown toning with attractively highlighted devices. Excellent detail, glossy fields.
$880-

D. PARTRICK

1083 **1787 Miller 15-F.** Another. CONNECT variety. 89.2 grains. **Very Fine,** struck on a much thinner planchet. Weakly struck at the upper half of the head and lower half of Liberty, affecting the date. Greenish tan and deep red toning, most of the vines on the shield clear.
$165-

STACK'S "T. H. ALLEN" FEB 4, 1977

33 **1787 Miller 15-F.** Mailed bust facing left. The very popular **CONNECT** variety and an exceptionally nice one. Perfectly centered and sharply struck on a defect-free broad heavy planchet, with full denticles on reverse and almost complete on the obverse. There is a very minor edge crack in the planchet, evidently from the pressure of striking, that does not affect anything. Dark brown with light brown highlights. **Very Fine.**
$125-

STACK'S SALE JUNE 18, 1981

56 1787 Miller 15-F. The famous "CONNECT." Fine with an unusually clear planchet. Rarity 3. $400-

PINE TREE "GENA '76 SALE" OCT 1, 1976

FAMOUS CONNECT

19 **1787.** M. 15-F (R-4). **Very Fine.**
$65- Dark charcoal gray with brownish highlights and somewhat granular; two or three small planchet flaws. Refer to lots 97, 97A (with the rare grade of Unc. at $500), 344 and 345 in our 1975 E.A.C. sale. 65-70

BOWER'S 'MILTON COHEN' JAN 24-26, 1985

2316 Trio of Connecticut coppers: 1787 CONNECT, Miller 15-F. Scarce variety. Fine or slightly better, but with some ancient obverse scratches (fairly light in nature). Well defined, particularly at the centers; 1 OF 3 PIECES

COIN GALLERIES SALE' AUG 20, 1986

1353 1787 M.15-F (R-4). "Connect." Fine, with many details of Very Fine sharpness; deep brown toning, struck on a defective planchet as is frequently the case with this issue. Far better strike than EAC 97A, though not as sharp as EAC 97; vines on shield visible, and upper reverse virtually Uncirculated.
62.70

MID-AMERICAN '1986 G.N.A. SALE" MAY 24, 1986

1120. 1787 Miller 15-F, Rarity 4. **Very Fine,** struck on a uniformly and lightly porous planchet. The detail suggest a grade of Extremely Fine, and the overall quality is quite acceptable.
85-

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 7, 1988

M.15-F. Good but porous. LOT # 1225
1 OF 6 PIECES

COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 22, 1977

1197 1787 Mailed Bust Left, CONNECT. **M.15-F (R-4).** Well-centered with only two trivial planchet defects. Very Fine. Catalogues $250.00.
90-

Lot No. [illegible]
STACK'S SALE' JAN 31, 1969

19 **1787 Miller 15-F.** Rarity 3. The very elusive "CONNECT" variety. Though Miller only rates it as a Rarity 3, it is much scarcer in our opinion. Usually found well worn with many defects in the planchet. This piece is completely free of any defects save a very minor planchet crack. Fine Very Fine. An exceptionally sharp, well struck and well centered specimen, that shows all letters and punctuation clearly **as well as the grape vines on the shield.** There should be a lot of competition for this excellent piece. $52.50

15-F

STACK'S "W. RISE SALE" SEPT 30, 1966

592 1787 Mailed bust left. CONNECT in obverse legend. The only obverse die with this spelling. Miller 15-F. Clean, evenly worn, light brown color. Some weakness in striking so that the tops of some letters are somewhat weak, but all readable. Quite scarce. Very Good. (50.00) 35

RED BOOK PLATE OBV. 15 (1988)

BOWER'S "McFARLAND SALE" JAN 14, 1981

38 **1787 Connecticut copper. The CONNECT variety. Mailed bust left.** 75 **Miller 15-F (R-4). Choice EF-45 or better,** but marred by several huge planchet cracks and laminations, one of which obliterates the last two digits of the date (this variety is unknown on a perfect planchet). Really sharp detail, and glossy reddish-gold surfaces. Equal in sharpness to the one in the 1975 EAC sale, Lot 97, which was called "one of possibly three sharpest specimens known."

BOWER'S "SIECK ANA '81" SALE JULY 30, 1981

1748 1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 15-F. Variety with obverse legend abbreviated as CONNECT. 45.00

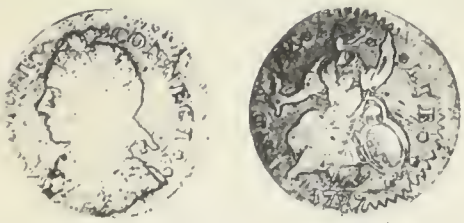
Extremely Fine or even better *from the standpoint of actual wear*, but with severe planchet defects on the obverse and a few stray planchet defects on the reverse, thus detracting somewhat from the piece. Still, it is one of the nicest we have seen of this popular issue. The details on the reverse shield are all extremely sharp, a most unusual feature. The Connecticut copper specialist will appreciate this one!

BOWER'S "BARTLETT SALE" NOV 30, 1979

2103 1787 Connecticut. Mailed bust left. Miller 15-F. CON- 45 NECT/INDE ET LIB. VG-8, medium grayish steel, pleasing for the grade.

BOWER'S "SIECK ANA '81 SALE" JULY 28, 1981

368 1787 Connecticut. Mailed Bust Left. Miller 15-F. Very Fine. A few 190 marks.



BOWER'S "LEE HEWITT SALE" NOV 14, 1984

2742 1787 Connecticut. Miller 15-F. CONNECT variety, a scarce and 99 popular type. Fine. Some planchet flaws as made. Medium brown surfaces.

BOWER'S "MILTON COHEN" JAN 24-26, 1985

2317 1787 Connecticut. Miller 15-F. CONNECT variety. Very Good to Fine. Planchet slightly bent ages ago.

EAN MAIL BID SALE MARCH 18, 1995

Impressive Miller 15-F

85 **1787 CT Copper, Miller 15-F, Mailed Bust Left, About Uncirculated.** Rarity 4. Incredibly glossy, of the sort rarely seen on Connecticut Coppers. This example is very well detailed, but it was struck on an irregular, out-of-round planchet and has some flan fissures on both sides. Nevertheless, this is an important, high-grade example which appears as nice or better than the Taylor:2429 coin. It may be one of the top five known. ..... **(750-1250)**

BOWER'S "P. D. WILLIAMS" SEPT 23-29, 1979

1294 ~~Five 1787 Connecticuts: (1) 8-N, R-4, VF-20, dark; (2) 8-O, R-4, AG-3; (3) 11-2-K, R-3, Good-4;~~ (4) 15-F, R-4, VG-8; (5) ~~16-5-m, VG-8~~. (Total: 5 pieces)

STACK'S SALE, MAY 13, 1982

1787 M.15-F, CONNECT; ~~1787 M.33.7-r.4, D.B.L.; 1787 M.35.9-5.2, D.B.L.; 1787 M.38-GG, AUGIORI.~~ All are Good or better. Lot of 5 pieces. 180

R. HUGHES LIST, OCT, 1980

M-15-F (R-4) Very Fine 100.00 57

15-F

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

15-F	1787			[illegible]
15-F	1787			[illegible]
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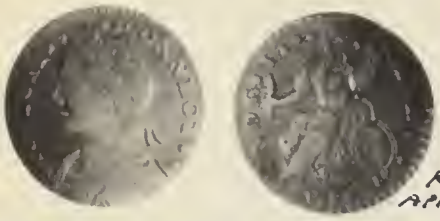
15-F	1787	VF-VF	R4	[illegible]
15-F	1787		R4	
15-F	1787		R4	
15-F	1787		R4	
15-F	1787		R4	
15-F	1787	VF-/E	R4	/Small planchet defect near [illegible]
15-F	1787		R4	
15-F	1787		R4	
15-F	1787		R4	
15-F	1787	"Dog"		Heavy striations throu[illegible]
15-F	1787	"Dog"		Slight red coating reve[illegible]
15-F	1787	"Dog"		Very worn.

BOWER'S 'ERZA COLE SALE' JAN 23-25, 1986

1192 1787 Connecticut. Miller 15-F. 121.6 grains. Very Fine-30 or finer. 176- Very dark brown planchet with light, even porosity. Sharply struck, with an incredible wealth of detail on the seated figure on the reverse *including full definition of shield details.*

This is the famous CONNECT variety, an issue that has been admired for as long as Connecticuts have been collected. A prize item for the specialist!



BOWER'S RCR #14 APRIL, 1972

1787 Mailed bust left. CONNECT variety. 15-F (R-3). The curious legend spelling makes this a very popular coin. Fair $19.00; Good $29.00; Very Good $55.00; Fine $72.00; VF-EF, a particularly nice example 149.00

BOWER'S RCR #49 OCT, 1983

1787 Connecticut. Miller 15-F. CONNECT variety. Extremely Fine, lightly porous. Exceedingly sharp detail on the obverse and reverse, including reasonable shield, globe, and figure detail on the reverse. Certainly one of the finest known specimens of this major popular Connecticut variety RCR #50 JAN, 1984. 575.00

RARE COIN REVIEW #30, 1978

1787 CONNECT variety. 15-F (R-3). VG-8 $35.00; EF-45. With some striae as issued. Dark surfaces. Scarce so fine #30 149.00

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #3, 1990

THE POPULAR "CONNECT" VARIETY
A DR. HALL COIN ?

43. **1787. Miller 15-F, Breen 781. Rarity-4. The "CONNECT" obverse. 108.7 grains, 27.5mm. Extremely Fine or so.** Gorgeous chocolate brown surfaces, free of all but the most minute lamination defects [quite unusual, as this variety is normally plagued with large planchet defects]; ECT and I of LIB are weak, as are some of the absolute central details. All other lettering and design is sharp; the present example is easily equal to the Taylor coin which was called "probable Condition Census." **Most importantly, the edge is lettered, in white ink and in Dr. Thomas Hall's script, "15 F1 *."** A choice coin from the Hall-Brand collection; the condition and pedigree earmark it for a first-class variety or type collection.....$395

As with the other pieces with painted die varieties on the edge, this coin has the following pedigree: Dr. Thomas Hall, Virgil Brand, New Netherlands Coin Co., private collector [1952]. It has also remained off the market for 38 years.

BOWER'S 'RIVER OAKS & KRUGENHANN' NOV 11-13, 1976

351 ~~Group of Connecticut coppers: (1) 1785 Mailed bust right. Miller 2-A.1. Abt. Fine. Dark; (2) 1787 Mailed bust left. Miller 4-L. Perfect die (early die state of the famed Horned Bust variety). Fine; (3) 1787 Mailed bust left. Miller 19-D. Fine;~~ (4) 1787 Mailed bust left. Miller 15-F. F-VF. Some light planchet defects; ~~(5) 1787 Draped bust left. Miller 32.2-X.2. Fine.~~ (Total: 5 pieces)

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

15-F 3886 (8) VERY GOOD
9495 (12) FINE (12)
9499 (12) FINE (12)
9501 (20) VERY FINE (20)
6327 (50) ABT. UNC. (50)

ANA MUSEUM, 1989

1787 Copper G 7.24g 180° Miller 15-F (R3)

KAGIN'S LIST, SEPT 16, 1981

1787 CONNECTICUT 15-F Rarity-4 Fair 65.00

15-F

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

50) 1787 M.15-F Abt.Uncirculated. Well centered and well struck on a defect free flan. Medium brown with traces of faded mint red. *

15-F

ANS Collection
Connecticut Coppers
SEE
COLOR PHOTO

L. MERKIN SALE OCT 31, 1973

161 — 1787 Miller 15-F. Rarity 3. Nice Fine. The CONNECT variety. The only variety in the entire series with this spelling. Again, experience has taught us that this is much scarcer than Miller indicated. Usually seen on very defective planchets. This specimen has only a very minor one through the cheek. (PDV.) Very well centered, and fairly well struck—the only real weakness being at the date. A very desirable coin for this scarce variety, and type.

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NEW NETHERLAND'S 51st SALE' JUNE 16, 1958

SEE BREEN PLATE # 781

89 1787. The famous **CONNECT.** Rev. INDE ET LIB with eight crosslets; the "common" reverse of this type. **M. 15-F. Uncirculated**, or a hair's breadth from it. Nicely (though not fully) struck up upon a partly defective planchet; the most serious flaw (almost a rule for Connecticuts) at the l. side of the reverse from Liberty's hand and branch to edge. Natural reddish-brown gloss, with traces of original mint red. Attribution on edge; apparently representing Dr. Hall's choice of the finest specimens he could locate. Very scarce in any preservation; extremely rare in Mint State—this piece possibly the finest known. Distinctly superior to the coin illustrated on the Miller Plate. Worthy of a record price! **Plate** TONY TERRANOVA (1996) **($75.00)**

100

$100.00

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NEW NETHERLAND'S 60th SALE. DEC 3-4, 1968 **CONNECT; INDE.**

LOT # 336 **M. 15-F** (Rarity 3). VG or better. Struck upon a seriously defective flan that is also granular and porous, but the important word CONNECT clearly discernible. Scarce pair. Ex Boyd. 2 Pcs. 1 OF 2 PIECES, OTHER 13-D

$18

In 1958 we described six types of the 1787 Connecticut cents having mailed bust left on page 8 of our 51st auction catalogue. Type VI was that with 1788 bust (leaves in triplets); this type was broken down into nine sub-types, VI-a to VI-i. Of these, Miller 13-D was VI-a, and M. 15-F, VI-g.

STACK'S' OECHSNER SALE' SEPT 9, 1988

1219 1787 ~~"Horned bust." Miller 4-L. Early die state, before the "horn" break began. Very Fine, small digs on the field. Deep walnut brown toning. Another. Advanced state of the break, the horn projecting to a point between the mouth and U. Very Fine, die clashing before the forehead. Reddish brown toning. 1787~~ "CONNECT" variety (Miller 15-E). Very Fine; the whole word sharp. Planchet crack from CT through top of the head and two short ones through 17 (date still legible). There is a large planchet chip out of the reverse above Liberty's pole hand. Deep brown with some highlighting. A pleasing group of 3 pieces. AT $412.50

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

83 **1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 15-F, another. Mailed Bust Left. Rarity 4. 108.8 grains. Extremely Fine.** Dark brown, glossy surfaces, with only a few of the typical planchet flaws associated with the variety. Well struck, with all the fine details sharp and complete, including the legends, date, and even the globe and all three grapevines in the shield! Equal to the Taylor specimen, which was called "Probable Condition Census," and very close to the Oechsner specimen which, as we stated above, was a bit undergraded.....$325

Obverse 15 is the only die of all years to have the legend spelled out as "AUCTORI CONNECT." The unexpected final T, along with the seven cinquefoils may have been used to give the legends a more balanced look. This variety boasts a total of *fifteen* cinquefoils—a number unmatched in any state coinage series!

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HAROLD HESS LIST SUMMER, 1983

26: 1787 CONNECTICUT COPPER, Miller 15-F, F12/12 ..... $ 90

Mailed bust left, AUCTORI CONNECT. Tan devices against darker fields. Surfaces just slightly rough, but the only flan striations are small and unobtrusively located on the rev next to Liberty's staff. Quite evenly struck and well-centered with legends and date on the flan and readable, and all major and some minor details defined. A "Redbook variety."

15-F

ROSA AMERICANA LIST# 1 FEB, 1989

Condition Census Miller 15-F

82 **1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 15-F. Mailed Bust Left. Rarity 4. 124.7 grains.** About Uncirculated. There is only a minuscule trace of rub on the coin; somewhat unevenly struck. The surfaces are a chocolate brown, and still retain much of the original mint gloss. The planchet, as often found on this variety, is quite flawed. There is a large, completely natural hole at the lower right, which does not interfere with any of the legends. There are some scattered striations on either side of the coin, none of which are too serious. Where struck up, the detail is remarkably sharp, rivaling the EAC '75: 97A specimen. One of the finest known of this variety, **sixth best in the Condition Census**.....$549

OVERGRADED

The Condition Census appears to be as follows:

1) Hall-Brand-New Netherlands 51st sale. 89, close to Uncirculated. Sold for $100!

2) Breen-EAC'75: 97A, close to Uncirculated. Sold for $500.

3) Miller: 1888, close to Uncirculated. Sold for $4.25.

4) Miller: 1889, About Uncirculated, well struck. Sold for $5.50

5) Oeschner: 1082, About Uncirculated (undergraded in that sale). Sold for $880.

6) **The present coin, About Uncirculated.**

7) **The coin offered in the following lot, Extremely Fine.**

7) Taylor: 2429, Extremely Fine. Sold for $275.

The last two pieces are tied with one or two others in private collections for seventh finest known.

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STANDARD CATALOGUE (1947)
15-F

SEE CROSBY PLATE

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

59 $50- 1787 Mailed Bust Left M #15–F (R–4) CONNECT, FINE–12 dark. Some details Very Fine, but the left obverse legend missing due to strike. Just makes condition census.

VLACK PLATE (1965)
15-F

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

LOT# 2425 15-F. 108.2 grains. R-4. Sharpness of F-12, dark and porous. (~~Total: 5 pieces~~)

1 OF 5 PIECES

TAYLOR

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

2430 **1787 Connecticut coppers.** Containing a quartette of varieties with crosses in obverse and reverse legends: 15-F. 153.1 grains. R-4. Sharpness of VG-8/nearly F-12. Deeply flawed in the center. Golden brown, quite porous;

1 OF 5 PIECES

TAYLOR

CROSBY PLATE (1875)
15-F

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

LOT# 2501 M 15-F. F-12/VF-20. Rarity-4. 145.4 grains. 28.1mm. 205°. Golden brown. Clipped on the obverse from 4:00 to 6:00, "saw-tooth" edge;

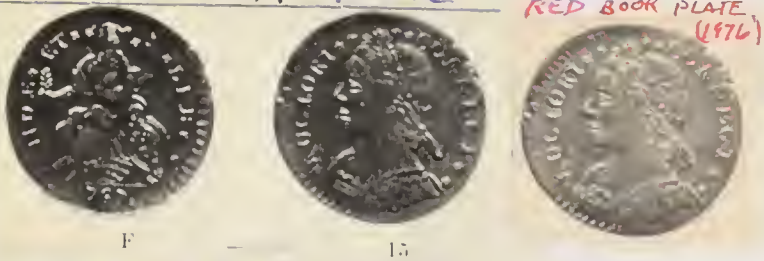
1 OF 10 PIECES

NORWEB

earlier ex Charles Steigerwalt, October 1895.

MILLER TEXT PLATE

RED BOOK PLATE (1976)



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TAXAY PLATE (1976)

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HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

4.25 1888 1787. Head l. AUCTORI. . . CONNECT.. Rx. INDE . ET . . LIB . . Uncirculated. C. 15-F. R. 4. **Plate**

5.50 1889 Another, stronger impression, darker color. Uncirculated. V. Rare. **Plate.**

1.20 2113 1787. C. 15–F, R. 4. Fine.

.16 2112 1787. ~~G. 14 H (4)~~; 15-F., Parmelee Coll'n. Avg. G. several very good. 9 pcs.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 7-8, 1989

840 1787 Miller 15-F (R-4). Full date and legends, olive green patina over brown surfaces. A well centered and even specimen, the reverse shield showing two of the vines. Strong Very Good or better.

38.50

15-F

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

160 Trio of 1787 Connecticut coppers: ☆ ~~M-1.2-C. Mailed Bust Right. AG-3 to G-4, moderate porosity. Rarity-3. 122.8 grains. Muttonhead or Bradford Head variety~~ ☆ ~~M-6.1-M. Mailed Bust Left. EF-40 for sharpness, lightly porous surfaces with inactive patina on both sides. Rarity-1. 125.9 grains. Die alignment: 190°. The popular Laughing Head variety, with attribution number lightly painted in left obverse field~~ ☆ M 15-F. Mailed Bust Left. VF-20, perhaps slightly finer, with faint obverse and reverse scratches in evidence. Rarity-4. 97.5 grains. (Total: 3 pieces)

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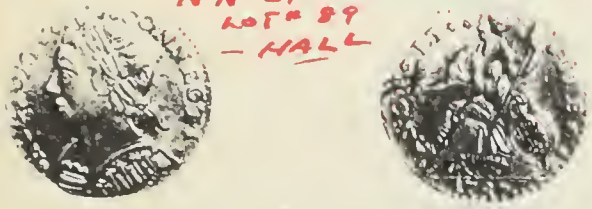
D. SONDERMAN (1981) – R. MARTIN – D. MENCHELL 11/87

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1987)

781 1787 CONNECT Rev., INDE ET LIB

M. 15-F. Rev. reappears in 791–92. Crosby, Pl. V, 20; Dickeson {1859}. BREEN PLATE

– N N 51st SALE 6-18-58 LOT # 89 – HALL



STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

1385 1787 Miller 15-F (R-4). 102 grains. Mailed bust left, two cinquefoils after AUCTORI and CONNEC, ET and LIB. Well detailed reverse with partial vines. Strong Fine.

88.00

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5388 1787 Connecticut copper. M15-F. Mailed Bust left. 132.7 grains. Ranty-4. F-12, dark, striated, planchet cracked. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2429. *Ex Ryder Collection. Henry Chapman stock envelope accompanies this lot.* TO R. MARTIN

33.00

BOWER'S C. SCHENKEL SALE NOV 14, 1990

N 5674 1787 M 15-F. Rarity-4. CONNECT variety. VF-25, flawed and chipped. 109.6 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2429 1 OF 4 PIECES

30.50

PINE TREE 'E. MORTON SALE' OCT 18, 1975

543 1787. Mailed Bust Left. ~~M.11.1-L. (high R-2). Fine plus, uneven strike, surfaces with uniform porosity. M.14-H. (R-4). some details Fine, others weaker, planchet lamination defects are made.~~ M.15-F. (R-4). CONNECT variety: Very Good, weak uneven strike, tan patina, some obv. pitting in back of head. (For comparison see E.A.C. sale lots 89, 97 (and 97A), 94 (and 94A) respectively.) 3 pcs. ($250.-300.)

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DAVID SONDERMAN LIST AUG, 1981 XF 40 WHT. 108.3 GR.

38 1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.15-F, CONNECT variety. Choice Extremely Fine. Very well struck and centered. An excellent planchet for a variety that often comes defective. Rare in this condition, and almost impossible to replace .... R. MARTIN TO D. MENCHELL 550.00

LIGHT PLANCHET STRAIN XF40 SEE PHOTO ABOVE

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST AUG, 1981

35 1787 Mailed Bust Left, M-15-F. The CONNECT variety. Very Fine, on a remarkably clean planchet for this variety. (cf. Guide Book Plate Coin, p. 39) Very difficult to locate like this 275.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST

1787 Mailed Bust Left, M. 15-F, (R-4), the CONNECT variety, Fine, well-centered, all legends are clear, dark brown color with no planchet defects whatsoever, uncommon for this type coin.....90.00.

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST

1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.15-F, (R-4). The CONNECT variety, and the only obverse die with this spelling. A nice Very Good, a clean example with no planchet defects and a clear legend blunder.....45.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1977

1787 M.15-F, (R-4), CONNECT, Good, nice color and surfaces.....25.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1978

1787 Mailed Bust Left, M.15-F, (R-3), CONNECT variety, VG/Fine, fairly well struck, T of CONNECT slightly weak but readable, dark brown, no planchet flaws, which is unusual for this type...55.00

99⁻ COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1224 1787 ~~M.4-L. Mailed bust left. Good. Planchet not completely round due to rim bumps; M.6.1-M. "Laughing head." Nearly Very Good; M.8-O. About Good and porous~~; M.15-F. Good but with numerous pinscratches. 4 pieces.

15-F

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE 8-4-92

6529 1787 Connecticut copper. M 15-F. Mailed Bust Left. "CONNECT." VF-20. Rarity-4. 129.0 grains. A glossy, medium tan planchet with typical planchet flaws usually associated with this die combination. From an early obverse die state, lacking the thin crack from back of head to between NN as noted on Taylor 2429.

192.50

The obverse spelling of AUCTORI CONNECT appears on Miller 15.1 for the only time in the entire Connecticut copper series.

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE 8-4-92

6530 1787 Connecticut copper. M 15-F. Mailed Bust Left. F-15, perhaps slightly finer. Rarity-4. 95.7 grains. Die alignment 190°. CONNECT obverse spelling. A medium brown specimen with some very faint porosity and a few trivial planchet flaws, as often seen, mentioned for accuracy. Obverse die crack faintly seen from effigy's head to NN in CONNECT. Strong reverse details in evidence, including design details on the seated figure's shield, and much of her hair. An altogether pleasing specimen of this scarce and popular issue.

71.50

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

970 1787 ~~M.4-L. MBL. Another. Rarity-1. Fine. 130.6 gns.~~ Black-brown, granular. Early obverse state, "horn" ~~here just a cusp;~~ ~~1787 M.9-D. MBL. Rarity-5. Very Good/Fine. 143.8 gns. Olive brown, obverse off center and granular. Die states as Taylor:2413;~~ ~~1787 M.9-R. MBL. Rarity-5. Good. 109.3 gns. Olive green, very granular. 1787/8 date illegible. Die states uncertain;~~ ~~1787 M.11.2-K. MBL. Strong Fine. 125.3 gns. Olive green and brown. Obverse lightly striated; reverse off center. Obverse break at CT not as advanced as on Taylor:2420;~~ ~~1787 M.12-Q. MBL. Rarity-5. About Good. Gray brown. Deeply flawed and laminated. Reverse scratched. 1787/1887 date barely legible. States as Taylor:2421~~; 1787 M.15-F. MBL. CONNECT. Rarity 4. Fine. 88.7 gns. Pale tan. Reverse flawed through date, off center. Just base of second obverse T visible. 6 pieces.

120 180 198.00

BOWER'S 'LEXINGTON SALE' JAN 6, 1994

86 1787 Connecticut copper. M 15-F. Mailed Bust Left. VG-8/F-12. Rarity-4. 117.8 grains. The CONNECT obverse spelling. Typical planchet flaws on both sides. Reverse details much sharper than obverse. Uniform faint porosity.

Not sold

COIN GALLERIES 'PERKINS DUPS' APRIL 14, 1983

1976 Starter set of 1787 Mailed Bust Right varieties, ~~with some duplicates. Grades range from About Good to Fine, with most being Very Good to Fine. Usual planchet qualities for these grades. Most varying shades of brown.~~ ~~M.2-B. Rarity-3;~~ ~~M.4-L. Rarity-1.~~ Full "Horn" break; ~~another. No "Horn" break;~~ ~~M.6.1-M. "Laughing Head". Rarity 1;~~ ~~M.6.2-M. "Second Laughing Head". Rarity-3;~~ ~~M.9-R. "1787/8 Overdate". Rarity-6; another; a third;~~ ~~M.11.2-K. Rarity-3;~~ ~~another;~~ ~~M.13-D. Rarity-4,~~ ~~another;~~ ~~M.14-H. Phoenix at Date. Rarity-1;~~ M.15-F. CONNECT. Rarity 4. The last of the 1787 MBR varieties until Miller 52. 14 pieces.

STACK'S SALE NOV 30, 1994

18 Nice assortment of Connecticut type coins; ~~1786 Miller 4.1-G. Rarity-2. Bust left. Rough Very Fine, scarce date;~~ 1787 M.15-F. CONNECT. R-4. Very Good/Fine, flawed, ~~M.30-hh.1. ET LIR. R-2. Good Fine;~~ ~~M.34-ff.1. ET LIR. R-5. Fine, or so;~~ ~~M.38-GG. AUCTORI. R-3. Nearly Very Fine, soft in places,~~ 5 pieces.

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STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2123 1787 ~~M.9-F. MBL. Fine. Rarity-6. 102.3 grains. Golden brown, surfaces pitted, edge dented;~~ ~~1787 M.9-R. MBL. Good overall, sharpness in places of Fine. Rarity-5. 143.9 grains. Golden brown. Soft base obverse, top reverse. "Overdate" bold. Not as rare as once thought;~~ ~~1787 M.14-H. MBL. Fine. Rarity-4. 154.5 grains. Dark, very rough, flawed;~~ 1787 M.15-F. MBL. connect. Sharpness of Very Fine, scratched, obverse graffiti. Rarity 4. 4 pieces.

40 210 231

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

*979 1787 M.15-F. MBL. CONNECT. Rarity 4. Extremely Fine. 145.1 gns. Olive brown. Both surfaces uniformly granular, crossbar of second obverse T visible in a raking light. Two very faint obverse hairlines. This may technically be a CC coin. Die states earlier than Taylor:2429, obverse here perfect.

275 300 330

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BOWER'S 'LEXINGTON SALE JAN 6, 1994

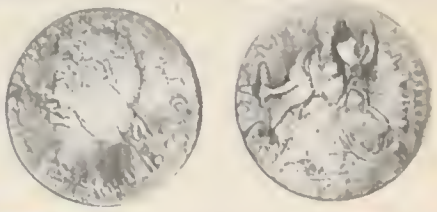
Attractive 1787 Miller 15-F

CONNECT Variety

495.00

85 1787 Connecticut copper. M 15-F. Mailed Bust Left. EF-40. Rarity-4. 102.4 grains. Popular obverse style with CONNECT spelling. Miller's obverse 15 is the only appearance of the CONNECT spelling in the entire Connecticut copper series. A sharp and attractive golden brown specimen with lighter tan toning highlights on the obverse. Remarkably free of the flan flaws that are generally associated with this die combination, although a small edge occlusion encompasses the bottoms of 87 in the date. Easily approaching the sharpness of Taylor:2429, that piece called "Probable Condition Census." Some faintness of strike is noted on the obverse at ORI and a corresponding spot at the effigy's foot on the reverse. All of the details on the reverse shield are sharp and plain, as are many other details of the reverse effigy's figure. Choice for the grade and a "find" for the attentive Connecticut specialist.

BOWER'S 'M.H.S. SALE' NOV 18, 1994



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3207 1787 M.15-F. Mailed Bust Left. F-12/VF-20. Rarity-4. 93.5 grains, reasonably light for this issue. Obverse legend reads CONNECT, the only appearance of this spelling in the entire Connecticut copper series (1785-1788). Obverse sharpness at the F-12 grade level, reverse considerably sharper. Both sides show natural flan flaws, not unusual for this die combination. Slight bend to flan. Deep tan surface highlights.

15-F

BOWER'S 'BURKE & CLEMENTE' MAY 27, 1994

618 1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 15-F. Mailed Bust Left. VG-8/F-12. Rarity-4. 117.8 grains. The CONNECT obverse spelling. Typical planchet flaws on both sides. Reverse details much sharper than obverse. Uniform faint porosity. 55.00

M & G AUCTIONS 'L.T. SMITH' JAN 7, 1995

90. 71.50 1787 CONNECTICUT COPPER. M. 15-F. About Fine. Dark brown fields with lighter devices. Evenly but microscopically porous. The planchet shows some striations on the obverse and severe imperfections on the reverse. Both sides are quite sharp, and there is an 85% date. There are some scratches on the obverse bust and a few minor rim nicks. This is the CONNECT variety. Rarity 4.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

144 **1787 ~~M.11.2-K.~~** ~~Another. R-3. Granular Very Good~~ but **~~shift double struck~~** ~~with partial extra obverse legend and double branch hand on reverse. 162.5~~ gns.; **M.15-F.** CONNECT. Another. Nice Very Fine sharpness in places but surfaces also quite rough. 127.3 gns. 2 pieces. 75 150 165

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

139 **1787 Connecticut coppers,** all MBL, all with Miller numbers in a coarse hand on the obverse. ~~**M.6.2-M.** Another. Very Good/Fine, huge cutter clip. 94.9 gns.;~~ **M.8-N.** ~~R-4. Very Good to Fine, off center. 142.9 gns.;~~ ~~**M.14-H.** R-4. Rough About Fine, some heavy edge burrs or old dents. 121.3 gns.;~~ **M.15-F.** R-4. CONNECT. Rough Fine. 99.4 gns; ~~**M.19-g.4.** R-3. About Fine, off-center. 133.9 gns.~~ 5 pieces. 180 180 198

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

140 **1787** ~~**M.9-R. MBL.** "1787/1788," IND ET LIB. R-5. Very Good, flawed. 137.5 gns. Miller number in a fine hand on obverse;~~ **M.15-F.** Another. Very Good/Strong Fine. Hall attribution ("15/F*") in a fine hand on obverse; ~~**M.24-g.5. DBL.** R-5 (probably underrated and maybe R-6). Very Good, edge hammered around. 145.7 gns. Miller number in a fine hand on obverse.~~ 3 pieces. 170 170 187

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

281 93.00 1787 CONNECTICUT COPPER M.15-F (R-4) EF40 105.7 gns. Not much wear but unfortunately marred by some rather severe planchet flaws about the edge and other scattered striations. Attractive light chocolate color. Full detail in the hair and clothing of both figures, as well as complete designs on the reverse shield. Despite its problems, a copper which saw little actual circulation.

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES SALE JULY 13, 1992

6872 1787 Connecticut copper. M 15-F Rarity-4 125 6 grains. F-15 Dark olive Some porosity can be seen. Typical states for this variety 33

COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 15, 1995

12 **1787 Connecticut.** ~~**Miller 11.2-K. Mailed Bust Left. (R-3). Strong Fine, severely flawed at the rim;**~~ **M.15-F** (R-4). CONNECT. Very Fine, very rough, dark, granular, and old black corrosion coating. Attribution number on obverse. 2 pieces. 121.00

Ex June Sale (Stack's, 1994), lot 51.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL# 11 SPRING 1994 LOT# 140
STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER JUNE 8, 1994

52 **1787** ~~**M.11.2-K. MBL.** R-3. Strong Fine for sharpness, severely flawed at rim, short obverse lamination. 134.1~~ gns. Olive brown. Surfaces elsewhere acceptable. ~~Obverse failing in left field, CT connected by break; reverse I[N] soft;~~ **M.15-F. MBL.** CONNECT. R-4. Very rough but still Very Fine, dark and granular, fairly even black corrosion coating. 131.1 gns. Hall attribution number painted on obverse. 2 pieces. 125 125 137.50

The second with round card ticket with circle H.

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

Lot No. 56 OK COLOR

56 **1787 M.15-F.** MBL. R-4. CONNECT variety. Very Fine, some claims to Extremely Fine. 135.8 gns. Golden olive-brown on both sides, with some faint traces of ruddy undertones. Both surfaces relatively smooth and hard, obverse flawed at rim between NE. A solidly collectable example of a variety which is quite rare in any better grade. Die states as Taylor:2429. 450 475 522.50

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

280 88.00 1787 CONNECTICUT M.15-F (R-4) VF25 127.5 grains. The CONNECT variety. Mottled tan and brick red with surfaces that are rather evenly covered in light abrasions and circulation marks. A few minor planchet flaws near the rim and a scuff near the arm on the reverse are the only major marks. INDE weak. Generally well struck, the shield and figure's head are near full in detail on the reverse and the cuirass is nearly full on the obverse.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL# 9 SUMMER, 1994

135 1787 Connecticut, Miller 15-F, the "CONNECT" obverse. 127.4 grains. Extremely Fine, and quite boldly struck, with all of the design detail bold and sharp, including such seldom-seen areas as the grapevines on the shield and Ms. Liberty's hair and collar details. The legends and date are sharp, with the exception of LIB on the reverse which is a tad weak. Very minor planchet flaws on either side, as ell as one or two well-hidden reverse scrapes. In writing the '75 EAC sale, Walter Breen mentioned that he had never seen an example that was not struck on a planchet with flaws—and after nearly two decades of collecting and dealing in Connecticut coppers we have to agree that seems to be the rule for this variety. Very attractive medium brown, with some lighter mottlings and glossy surfaces that make for an extremely appealing coin. As an example of the variety or the famous CONNECT obverse [the only die in the entire Connecticut series to use more than the usual CONNEC], this is one that would be difficult to improve upon. The pair of coins in the '75 EAC sale were both nicer but have been off the market ever since, and nothing a whole lot better has appeared for sale in the intervening two decaes! A chance for the collector to obtain a nice example of this unique type coin.....$149

Although the obverse spelling of CONNECT immediately makes the obverse unique in the series, few collectors are aware that the reverse die also has a unique characteristic that is unmatched anywhere else in the series. The placement of grapevines on the shield is done two above and one below, which is the correct way as shown on the state seal. All the other reverse dies that show grapevines have the order the other way around, with a single one above and two below. John M. Richardson was the first to point this out in his article in Numismatic Review, a copy of which is offered in our literature listing. This is another good reason to have a good library of works relating to the area that you collect, as many nuggets of information that have been forgotten over the years are there just waiting to be found.

15-F

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #42 MARCH 1, 1986

15. 1787 Miller 15-F. Good-Very Good-6, R-4, CONNECT Variety. Decent. Legends somewhat weak, CONNECT readable. Scarce. WHT. 115.6 GR. $60

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #42 MARCH 1, 1986

16. 1787 Miller 15-F. Ex. Fine-40, R-4. CONNECT Variety. Planchet slightly dark and has the slightest roughness, buy overall a terrific strike and way above average for these pieces. NO PLANCHET DEFECTS WHAT SO EVER! Unusual for these. $300

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #39 OCT, 1985

8. 1787 Mailed Bust Left. Miller 15-F, R-4. CONNECT Variety. Very Good-8. Decent, and again a popular variety. ($50)

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #19 JUNE, 1983

12. 1787 M 15-F CONNECT Variety, Very Fine-20, R-4. Nice brown color and few defects, which normally plague this variety. $250

MIKE RINGO LIST, MAY, 1985

8. 1787 MBL, M.15-F "CONNECT" type. Very Good, clean tan surfaces, two small rim bumps. A scarce variety and type..... 35.0

MIKE RINGO LIST, JULY, 1985

5. 1787 M.15-F. Fine, strong reverse; one of the "CONNECT" types. Medium tan color, clean surfaces except for an old scratch in hair. Date, legends, and devices are all clear..... 85.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, NOV, 1985

9. 1787 "CONNECT", M.15-F. Smooth Good, weak date..... 20.0

MIKE RINGO LIST, MAY, 1986

7. 1787 "CONNECT", M.15-F. Very Good, clean for the grade..... 40.00

STACK'S 'L.S. RUDER SALE' SEPT 9, 1987

23 1787 M.15-F (R-4). Fine, soft at upper head/lower reverse. Granular, and some incrustation, all three vines visible. ROUGH

$27.50

MIKE RINGO LIST MARCH, 1989

21. 1787 "CONNECT", M.15-F. Good to Very Good, some reverse porosity..... 30.00

22. 1787 "CONNECT", M.15-F. Very Good, stronger reverse. A few scratches and spots of verdegris are noticeable. Full date..... 35.00

MIKE RINGO LIST JAN, 1990

5. 1787 CONNECT, M.15-F. Very Fine details, rough surfaces. Some crud has been cleaned off the high points, which have toned down since..... 45.00

D. LINETT SALE OCT 17, 1983

44 1787, M.15-F, M.B.L., R-4, DOUBLE STRUCK, Very Good on a relatively clean dark planchet..... 150.

N. PETERS LIST, OCT, 1983

1787 15-F (R4) "Connect" variety G $15.00

NORMAN PETERS LIST, OCT, 1980

15-F, R4 A.G. JUST HONEST WEAR $7.50

15-F, R4 G/VG BUT COUNTERSTAMPED 999 $5.00

SEE STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994 LOT #148

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

2643 1787 M 15-F. MBL. R-4. 110.3 gns. Overall Very Fine. Dark tan obverse, lighter reverse. Two minor obverse flaws. Both surfaces microscopically granular. Obverse state as Taylor:2429 and PT EAC'75:97A. Reverse later now, the die clearly clashed, accounting for the surface roughness evident on this specimen. FINE, GRANULAR

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DICK AUGUST LIST, OCT, 1982

53. 1787 Bust Left, 15F, Connect Variety, the finest honest I've ever had for sale. XF $250

DICK AUGUST LIST, 1984

45. 1787 Connect variety, 15F, XF, slightly porous, real sharp strike $275

15-F

KINGSWOOD 'DARTMOUTH SALE' FEB 20, 1991

NOT SOLD

6571 1787 Connecticut copper. M 15-F. Rarity-4. 125.6 grains. F-15, dark olive. Some porosity can be seen. Typical states for this variety.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #4 SPRING, 1991

56. 1787. Miller 15-F, Breen 781. Rarity-4. The "CONNECT" obverse. 106.9 grains. Detail of Very Fine or so, however both sides are microscopically granular, the obverse more so than the reverse. The legends and date are full, and even two full grapevines [and part of a third] are visible on the reverse shield! A perfectly acceptable example of this distinct type coin.....$39

EAN AUCTION (D. LINETT) APRIL 20, 1996

46 1787 CT Copper, Miller 15-F, Fine/Choice Very Fine. 130.7 grains. Rarity 4. Chocolate brown and smooth, but with some rim dings and some light planchet fissures on both sides. Well-struck on the reverse, but a trifle soft on the obverse.....(150-175)

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #8 SPRING, 1993

A PAIR OF 15-F's,
THE "CONNECT" VARIETY
BOTH FROM THE
HENRY MILLER COLLECTION

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #8 SPRING, 1993

80 1787 Connecticut, Miller 15-F, the "CONNECT" obverse. Rarity-4. 101.5 grains. Nearly Very Fine. Generally well struck, with full legends and date, including the all important CONNECT on the obverse (the only die in the entire Connecticut series to use this abbreviation, all the rest use CONNEC, without the final T), though the tops of a few letters are a bit weak. Somewhat glossy medium brown surfaces, free of any sort of damage or defect—quite unusual for a variety that is often seen on heavily flawed planchets. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in the left obverse field ~~in Henry Clay Miller's scrap~~. A visually pleasing coin, with great color and surfaces, and only enhanced by its incomparable pedigree—this is a marvelous example of this distinct type coin!..... $169

Lot #2113 of the Miller collection.

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #8 SPRING, 1993

81 1787 Connecticut, Miller 15-F, another example of the "CONNECT" obverse. 126.3 grains. Fine to Very Fine, with full legends and date. There are a few insignificant planchet flaws, none of which detract from the coins medium brown and quite clean surfaces. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in left obverse field, another coin from the Henry Miller collection; earlier in the Parmalee collection. What makes this particular specimen so interesting is that Miller also painted a small arrow pointing to the final letter in CONECT—no doubt as a reminder of what made this die unique among the Connecticut family! A piece for the collector who appreciates the story behind the coin!..... $119

Part of Lot #2112 of the Miller sale, noted by Elder to be "ex Parmalee."

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

148 1787 M.15-F. CONNECT. Another. Overall Very Fine. 110.3 gns. Dark obverse, reverse lighter, minor obverse flaws. Surfaces somewhat granular.

70-
150-
165-

From Coin Galleries' sale of the Richard Picker Connecticut Reference Collection, July 22, 1992, lot 2643.

PENNY WISE ISSUE #155 MARCH 15, 1992

GARY A. TRUDGEN, EAC #1889 3103 Chatham Rd. Endwell, NY 13760

FOR SALE: 1787 CONNECTICUT COPPER — Miller 15-F

F/VF. Scarce (Rarity-4) "CONNECT" variety. Medium brown surfaces with a few trivial planchet flaws. The tops of a couple obverse legend letters are off the flan, otherwise, full legends and date. Strong reverse detail. A nice coin. $120.00

1787 M.15-F "Connect" Extremely Fine. Well struck and centered. No defects. Dark charcoal brown patina. 145.2 GRAINS R. MARTIN 4/76 – M. RINGO 4/86

1787 M.15-F "Connect" Good. Severely defective flan. WHT. 118.8 GR. R. MARTIN 6/8 – M. RINGO 4/86

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #5 SUMMER, 1991

28. 1787 Miller 15-F, the "CONNECT" variety. Very Fine detail, the obverse a bit weak at the right. A few scratches either side. Fantastic detail for this scarce variety, the only obverse die with this spelling.....$25

15-F

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

SEE COLOR PHOTO

211. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.15-F MBL (R-4) VF20 119.2 gns. A CONNECT Type. Dark golden brown surfaces. No porosity. Planchet flaws, most obvious at 12 o'clock. Typical for this variety. Liberty's hair and folds of drapery around her neck are sharp. Full legends and date. Ex Early American Numismatics (Mail Bid Sale 12-11-93, Lot 42).

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

212. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.15-F MBL (R-4) F18 130.6 gns. A CONNECT Type. On this the reverse has the look of a solid if not strong VF while the reverse looks Fine. Warm chocolate brown on a variety frequently seen olive, the surfaces smooth while the peripheries show irregularities in places, a combination it seems of flaws and some minor damage. Two thin surface striations converge towards the center of the obverse. Some toned pin scratches on the reverse are well hidden and do not detract

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.15-F
ABOUT UNCIRCULATED
EX COL. GREEN COLLECTION

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

141 1787 Connecticut. Miller 15-F, the "CONNECT" obverse die, another. 130.1 grains. Nearly Extremely Fine, with the strike and detail expected of the grade. Nearly full legends, with the tops of a few obverse letters off the planchet due to centering, the error of CONNECT [all other dies in the series omit the final letter] is mostly full, as is the date. Nice central detail on either side, including the finer points in the obverse effigy's bust and hair, the design of Liberty's dress on the reverse and the grapevines on the shield. Medium brown surfaces, evenly matte-like but completely free of any sort of lamination or defect, again, quite difficult to find. A pleasing example of this unique type.....$59

From the Mrs. Lillian S. Willins collection, no pedigree recorded. Her handwritten flip includes extensive notes on the diagnostics of the variety.

SEE STACK'S SALE "BOYD-RYDER" JUNE 8, 1994 LOT #52 1 OF 2 PIECES
ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING, 1996

MILLER 15-F, THE "CONNECT" OBVERSE
THE DR. HALL - HILLYER RYDER - F.C.C. BOYD COIN!

140 1787 Connecticut. Miller 15-F, the CONNECT obverse die. Rarity-4. 131.1 grains. Nearly Extremely Fine. Boldly struck on an extremely large round planchet, with full, crisp legends on either side, the all-important CONNECT error as sharp as any that we've ever seen. The date is full as well. The design detail is exceptionally strong, with good detail in the obverse effigy's hair and bust, and an amazingly sharp reverse with sharp detail on Liberty's hair, dress, globe, branch and all the tiny cinquefoils. All three grapevines are even visible on the shield! The whole is surrounded by a nearly complete row of denticles, atractively framing the design. Medium brown surfaces, very slightly rough [more so on the obverse than the reverse], but absolutely free of the laminations and striations that normally plague this variety. Quite rare without those planchet flaws, the late Walter Breen even commented in the '75 EAC sale that he had never seen an example that was struck on a planchet without flaws. Although they do exist, they are quite difficult to find, and almost always gobbled up by specialists. To make things even better, this is the DR. THOMAS HALL coin, with his handpainted attribution number on the obverse [as 15/F*, the star probably notating that it was a duplicate specimen]. Accompanied by Hillyer Ryder's handwritten round cardboard lot ticket with the infamous "circle H" in purple ink proclaiming the pedigree from the Hall collection. Although common enough in lower grades, this specimen must be considered quite special by the collector — a unique obverse die, a naked-eye type coin, extremely high condition, no planchet flaws or striations, fantastic eye appeal and with a pedigree back roughly a century to one of the foremost collectors of the day, subsequently in the collections of some other numismatists who might warrant attention — Hillyer Ryder, F.C.C. Boyd and John J. Ford, Jr. When you can get all of that in a single coin, you're doing pretty dam well!.....$259

Our last price list contained the comment that this was the only reverse die that featured the grapevines in the correct orientation of two above and one below, as illustrated on the state seal [a point first published by John Richardson]. Nobody countered that statement with the fact that 1787 reverse Q also has the grapevines in that configuration, which makes me suspect that nobody really reads these footnotes. Prove me wrong. The first five people who say that they read this footnote will receive a free gift from me, a piece of numismatic history from the early days of our hobby and once the property of the collector who assembled the greatest collection of all time. Intrigued?

15-F

1787 M.15-F
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN 1985

ANS Collection
Connecticut Coppers

50) 1787 M.15-F Abt.Uncirculated. Well centered and well struck on a defect free flan. Medium brown with traces of faded mint red. *

15-F

EAC SALE APRIL 4, 1998

16 1787 M15-F 4 40 20 CONNECTICUT-MAILED BUST LEFT. Brown with some brick red areas. Reasonably smooth with some areas of planchet roughness and scale. Some planchet striations. Some faint obv. pin scratches. AVERAGE-. $250 –

BOWER'S "ROSSI & WILSON" MAY 30, 1997

467.50

40 1787 Connecticut copper. Mailed Bust Left, CONNECT variety. M-15-F. Rarity-4. EF-40. The only appearance of this abbreviation in the Connecticut copper series. Some natural flan flaws obscure tiny portions of the legend after RI on the obverse, and at ET on the reverse, otherwise the coin is sharp and attractive. Readily comparable to Taylor 2429, for instance.

Weight: 133.4 grains. Diameter: 1.111 inches.

Highly popular and desirable due to the variant obverse spelling.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3rd C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

250. CAN YOU BELIEVE ANOTHER SIX CONNECTICUTS? 1786 M.5.5M MBL (R-3) VG8 111.5 gns. Harshly cleaned. Fire orange and blue tones. Well centered. Strong date. WITH 1787 M.2-B MBL (R-3) VG8 132.0 gns. Planchet flaws, highly porous. No visible date due to reverse being struck off center. WITH 1787 M.15-F MBL (R-4) VG8 119.8 gns. Heavy granularity. Devices fairly detailed but weak legends. Full date visible.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3rd C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

248. UNBELIEVABLE! ANOTHER GROUP OF SIX CONNECTICUT COPPERS! 1785 M.6.3-G.1 MBR (R-3) low F12 131.9 gns. Polished, porous. Dig through last digit of date. WITH 1787 M.15-F MBL (R-4) VF20 108.4 gns. CONNECT variety. Hard surfaces. A few planchet striations. Well centered. Strong date.

STACK'S SALE "PERKINS" JAN. 4, 1998

245 1787 M.15-F. MBL. R-4 (destined to fall lower). 106.9 gns. About Very Fine. Gray brown on both sides. Surfaces smooth and hard in most places. Flawed on upper right obverse and reverse, linearly down through Liberty's hair bun and left arm. Accidental dig below ET. We have seen 39 of these now.

$ 110 121

Perfect die states.

15-F

1787 15-F ANS ASCENSION 2005 (BANSLEY)

15-R

CROSBY PLATE 'MHS'

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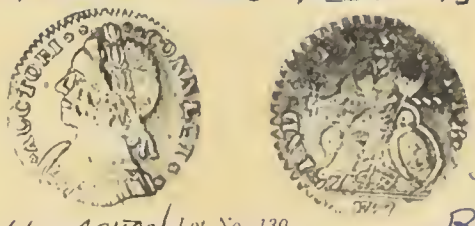
46 1787 Connecticut. Miller 15-R. Rarity 6. The very elusive and rarest of the three **CONNECT** varieties. Combined with the **IND ET LIB** reverse. Eleven crosslets in the reverse legend, and the same crosslet punch was used to make the 3 leaves of the branch as well as the ornamentation on the bottom curved portion of the shield. **The final 7 is over an 8 and very sharply defined.** When found, this variety is usually seen with many major planchet defects. This superb specimen has only minor imperfections in the head that are hardly noticeable. Almost perfectly centered, and very sharply struck. Full details of the hair, leaves, berries, mail, etc. The reverse is also in full sharpness, showing clearly the three grapevines, globe, branch, all lettering, and punctuation. Extremely rare in this condition Extremely Fine. **PLATE** $1,200–

STACK'S MH.S. COLL. 3/29/73

STACK'S "ROBISON COLL" FEB 10-13, 1982



T.H. ALLEN CROSBY PLATE 'MHS' ROBISON ANTON

BILL ANTON Lot No. 130

130 **1787 Mailed Bust Left.** M.15-R. From our February 4, 5, 1977 sale, lot 34, described as "The very elusive and rarest of the three CONNECT varieties. Combined with the IND ET LIB reverse. Eleven crosslets in the reverse legend, and the same crosslet punch was used to make the three leaves of the branch as well as the ornamentation on the bottom curved portion of the shield. **The final 7 is over an 8 and very sharply defined.** When found, this variety is usually seen with many major planchet defects. This superb specimen has only minor imperfections in the head that are hardly noticeable. Almost perfectly centered and very sharply struck. Full details of the hair, leaves, berries, mail, etc. The reverse is also in full sharpness, showing clearly the three grapevines, globe, branch, all lettering, and punctuation. **Extremely rare in this condition. EXTREMELY FINE.** Ex Massachusetts Historical Society Sale, March 29, 1973, lot 46."

OPEN 750.00 SOLD 1800.00

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

Possibly Finest Known OF The Ex. Rare

98 **CONNECT 1787/88 IND ET LIB** EAC'75

1787. M. 15-R. High R-7. CONNECT/IND ET LIB, overdate 1787/88, two crocks from rim to branch. **Many details Very Fine, others Fine or better, as struck; one tiny rim nick but no other scratches or dents. Several minor edge planchet defects, as made. Dark green and dark brown. By far the rarest of the three CONNECT varieties, and the rarest of the varieties with this blundered reverse. It is also beyond doubt one of the finest known, if not the absolute finest.** Besides the present coin, we have seen one (worn) in ANS and another in the Mass Historical Society, which coin—graded "EF" but not as sharp as the present coin—brought a healthy $1,200 as lot 46 of the Stack March 1973 auction! We have head of two other examples, both well worn, one the Miller piece in the Bowers April 1972 list, which means presumably four in collectors' hands, this one the sharpest. **(Photo)** $775 ($800.–up) AT $775–

PINE TREE EAC'75 SALE FEB 15, 1975

EX. STACK'S ROPER COLL." DEC 7, 1983

400/750/ – OK VF – SMOOTH DARK BROWN

EAC'75 SEE COLOR PHOTO

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HARRY RECIGNO TO ROBERT MARTIN Lot No. 244

EAC'75 ROPER

244 **1787/88 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 15-R. 109.9 grains. The overdate die married to the CONNECT obverse, and extremely rare as this combination. The reverse legend is lightly double cut. Several smallish planchet defects, all located at the rims, but not affecting any of the legends or designs. Very little wear on an even dark brown planchet. One of the most difficult of all the Connecticut types to obtain. Very Fine. $825

EX EAC 75' SALE LOT 98 AS VF AT $775.00

BOWERS RARE COIN REVIEW NO 14, 1972 → SEE H.C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920 LOT 1890

1787 Mailed bust left. CONNECT variety. 15-R (R-6). Not in our *Review* No. 12 offering. F-VF obverse, G-VG reverse. From the Miller Collection. A rare opportunity for the specialist . . . 100.00

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION), 1989

15-R 1787, VF+, V. R +✓ Dark: edge clip [illegible], planch

15-R

STACK'S T. HENRY ALLEN COLL" FEB 4, 1977

— CROSBY PLATE
— STACK'S "MASS. HIST. SOCIETY" MARCH 29, 1970 LOT #46
— STACK'S ROBISON SALE, FEB 10-13, 1982 LOT #130
— W. ANTON COLL.

34 1787 Miller 15-R. Rarity-8. The very elusive and rarest of the three CONNECT varieties. Combined with the IND ET LIB reverse. Eleven crosslets in the reverse legend, and the same crosslet punch was used to make the three leaves of the branch as well as the ornamentation on the bottom curved portion of the shield. **The final 7 is over an 8 and very sharply defined.** When found, this variety is usually seen with many major planchet defects. This superb specimen has only minor imperfections in the head that are hardly noticeable. Almost perfectly centered and very sharply struck. Full details of the hair, leaves, berries, mail, etc. The reverse is also in full sharpness, showing clearly the three grapevines, globe, branch, all lettering and punctuation. **Extremely rare in this condition. EXTREMELY FINE.** Ex Massachusetts Historical Society Sale, March 29, 1973, lot 46.

1,500

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN, 1985

51) 1787 M.15-R Good/Very Good-7. Light to medium brown with some light scattered porosity. Two light indentations in flan. Slight bend in flan resulting in weakening or reverse figure detail. Complete date and legends. SEE COLOR PHOTO

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.15-R
VERY FINE, DARK (VF 30)
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION

15-R; Hall #1804; Brand to Johnson 5/17/35; cost $2.00; no ink on edge; 102.0 gr

15-R

LETTERS WITH VERTICAL ORNAMENTATION

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1787 obverse 9
1787 reverse R

Since there was a considerable variety of type foces used in letter press printing of the period, one would expect variation in the styles of letter punches used to sink Connecticut legends. But such is not the case. Once in awhile certain dies reveal that different sets of punches got mixed up, inadvertently or intentionally, with the result that two different letter styles appear on the same legend. Rorer still were letter punches with groved faces. The 1787 combination 9-R is apparently unique in this respect. The letters "B", "D", "E", "I", "L", "R" and "T", (and perhaps the others too), were impressed by punches carved with a norrow line on each side of the wide vertical bars so that the three parallel strokes produce a very unusual and beautiful letter. Note that this design was cut into the punch, not engraved into the die. It is opparently the only one of its kind in the entire series. Reverse "R" is also unique in that it is the only Connecticut die to bear the abbreviation IND for INDE. There is no apparent reason for shortening this word because the ample space following it is filled with three crosslets. There is a total of seventeen of these crosslets used in this die which is in itself a record for ornamentation repetition.

THE BIZARRE LETTERING OF CONNECTICUT COPPERS

MISCUT NUMBERS OVERCUT

78 struck over 87
7 struck over 8

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1787 reverse Q
1787 reverse R

A superficiol study of Connecticut Coppers shows their legends to have been composed from a multiplicity of different kinds of letters, both as to size and style; a more detailed study reveals that many of their irregulor letters are not the result of blundered dies, os generally considered, but rather they ore the consequence of ingenious improvision due to lock of proper punches. Only rorely was overpunching used to correct a mispunched character. This was done in only two overdates: Reverse "Q" which has 1787 struck over 1877, and reverse "R" which has 1787 struck over 1788.

15-R

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

2.00 1890 1787. Crosby 15-R. Head l. . AUCTORI. . . . CONNECT . . Rx. Bust l. 12 quatrefoils for stops. Exceedingly rare. Crosby saw but one. Black, obv. VG. Rx. Good. A valuable coin.

SEE BOWERS RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APR-MAY, 1972

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA (1988)

782 1787/1788 (!) CONNECT Rev., IND ET LIB Ex. rare. M. 15-R. Crosby, Pl. VI. 1. Rev. of 774; wheat ear altered to bouquet, crosslets for flowers. Usually in low grades. Appleton, MHS. Robison:130. "About EF." $1,800; Roper:244, 109.9 grs. = 7.121 gms., VF, $825.

1787 M.15-R STRONG VERY FINE.
ROBERT MARTIN COLLECTION
EX STACK'S "ROPER SALE" DEC 8,1983 LOT#244 (PLATE)
PREVIOUSLY PINE TREE "EAC'75 SALE" FEB 15,1975 LOT#98 (PLATE)

Dick August Collection Nov 21,1998.
1787 15-R Double Struck. Very Good. Rough surfaces.
Flan crack at 3 O'clock.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN 1985

ANS Collection
Connecticut Coppers

15-R

51) 1787 M.15-R Good/Very Good-7. Light to medium brown with some light scattered porosity. Two light indentations in flan. Slight bend in flan resulting

STACK'S BOWERS SALE OCT 31, 2014

Very Rare 1787/8 Miller 15-R Connecticut Copper

$7,637.50

CHRIS McDOWELL

6126 **1787 Connecticut Copper. Miller 15-R. Rarity-7. Mailed Bust Left. CONNECT, 1787/8. VG Details—Environmental Damage (PCGS).** An intact and identifiable specimen of this rare and noteworthy variety. The golden-brown obverse shows a full legend and good portrait, though the planchet ranges from granular through rough to vertically striated at center. The edge is somewhat crude at 10 o'clock on the obverse, not unlike the granular "Nearly Very Fine" that brought $34,500. The reverse of this piece is rougher than the obverse, with a few loops of dark toning. About half of the legend is visible, some of the seated figure, and a weak but complete date, which allows not only for certain attribution, but even some evidence of the overdate. Any specimen of this variety is important, no matter what grade. Michael Hodder reported just three examples seen in his cataloging of the Ford sale. Today, somewhere between seven and 10 examples are thought to exist, leaving this variety absent from many advanced collections.

PCGS# 352

15-R

15-S

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

The Very Rare "Fatal Break" CONNECT with INDL

99 **1787. M. 15-S.** Nearly or quite R-7. CONNECT obverse, rev. INDL ET LIB with the well-known "Fatal Break", a massive "cud" or triangular lump where a piece fell out of the die, affecting IB and probably at least one cinquefoil. Periods and cinquefoil change the wheat ear to a bouquet. **This flatly struck piece is hard to grade; some few details (lower reverse, mostly) better than Fine, surfaces likewise (reddish brown, devices highlighted in pale steel), other details better than VG.** Fewer defects than usual on CONNECT coins. Everything clear except E on obv. (as always—from the heavy rev. break, which took up too much metal for the E to show), though tops of UCTO are off flan, and the cinquefoil after INDL is weakly struck. All three grapevines on shield can be made out. Extremely rare, possibly still within the R-7 level, and certainly one of the better examples. **Finer than the Miller Plate coin, which is saying a lot;** possibly slightly finer than the Appleton—MHS coin in the Stack March 1973 sale. Considerably finer than the other Appleton coin (1970, lot 138 "G-VG") or the two ANS examples or either of the two Dr. Hall specimens. We have heard of one other in similar condition to the present coin, but none finer; the two others to have been "cherrypicked" in recent years were more worn. **One of the most famous of all Connecticut varieties, and one of the most distinctive type coins.** $400 **(Photo) ($300.–up)**

$400

99

-EAC'75
-ROPER'83
-BREEN PLATE

THE EXTREMELY RARE CONNECT WITH 'INDL'

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

346 **1787. M. 15-S.** Almost or quite R-7. CONNECT obv. as on last two; rev. INDL ET LIB with the "Fatal Break" destroying IB and at least one cinquefoil, as always. **Good to VG,** dark green and reddish brown patina, porous and partly rough; usual planchet defects. Everything legible except obv. E (as always, because of the break — cf. lot 99), and part of final 7 (owing to an old scratch); latitude and longitude lines and all three grapevines are visible. Sharper than the Appleton-MHS coin (1970, lot 138), the two ANS examples or the two Dr. Hall coins. **One of the most famous of all Connecticut rarities.** Ex Bowers, Aug. 1971, (probably from Norman Bryant), Alan Kessler coll. **(Photo) ($700.–up)**

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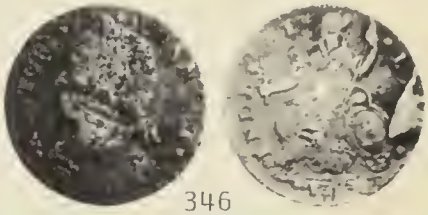
EAC'75



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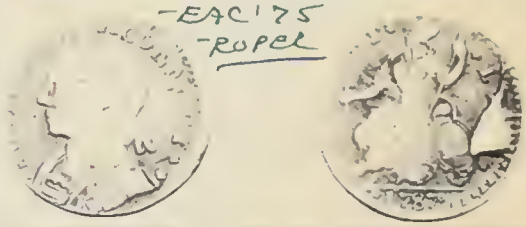
SEE "McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 GRIFFEE SALE" OCT 21, 1995 LOT #282 (PLATE) AT $462.50

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA (1882)

783 1787 CONNECT Rev., INDL ET LIB Very rare.
M. 15-S. Crosby, Pl. VI, 2. Cinquefoils at date. Always with heavy break destroying IB. -BREEN PLATE
-EAC'75
-ROPER



OK, DECENT COLOR
ROPER

Lot No. 245 JOEL TROFFREY
STACK'S "ROPER COLL" DEC 7, 1983

(245) **1787 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 15-S. 111.8 grains. The CONNECT obverse with the INDL ET LIB reverse. Another **very rare** die variety. The reverse has the large, triangularly-shaped die break through LIB, the so-called "fatal break" as it is doubtful if this reverse die could have lasted much longer. No planchet defects worth mentioning, but there are some very light scratches through the hair, visible only with a glass. The tops of AUCTORI and INDL are off the planchet due to centering. Most details clear. Dark brown with lighter highlights. **Fine.** $220 — EX. EAC'75 LOT # 99
EX EAC '75 SALE LOT # 99 AS VG/FINE AT $400.00

150
200
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STACK'S MASS. HIST. SOC. OCT 23, 1970

138 **1787 Miller 15-S.** Good — V. Good. Rarity 6. Mailed bust left. The very rare and unusual variety. The only obverse with the CONNECT spelling. The reverse is the INDL ET LIB, with cinquefoils at either side of the date. Crosby (Page 216) knew of only one specimen! Miller (Page 40) mentions "the few specimens known of this very rare die are all in poor condition." Crosby also mentioned that the branch appeared to be more like a bouquet, and in looking at this coin carefully it does appear so. The heavy reverse die break that appears on all known specimens only obliterates the B and about half of the I. Though well worn all of the details are clear and this would have to rank among the better known specimens. An unusual opportunity for the type collector and specialist as this is lacking in many major collections. A medium to dark brown **PLATE** $55 —

'MHS'

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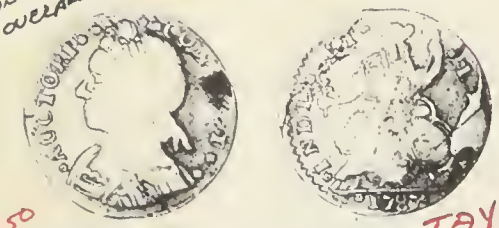
15-S

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

VG OVERALL
FIELDS BIT
TOO DARK
CONTRASTING
TAN DEVICES
FAIR OVERALL

1787 M 15-S

The "Fatal Break"
Among the Finest Known



$357.50

TAYLOR

2431 1787 Connecticut. M 15-S. Mailed Bust Left. 89.3 grains. High Rarity-6. Overall VG-8, with some sharper areas. Among the finest known, on a par with the Pine Tree/E.A.C. specimen. Perfectly centered. Deep golden brown, usual striations for the series. Far nicer than the Stack's/Roper specimen or the earlier Stack's/M.H.S. (1970 and 1973) examples. NE on obverse obscured by the massive, wedge-shaped reverse die break.

Obtained from Richard Picker in 1957. ???

This variety, the famous "fatal break," takes its name from the massive, wedge-shaped break on the reverse rim which obscures the I and B of the last word of the legend. The break extends here through the border of the shield to its center, and was thick enough at the time of striking to cause the corresponding portion of the obverse to chatter in the dies, resulting in the weakness in the last word of the obverse legend. This example is a nicely smooth and well-colored specimen and is fully centered on both surfaces. For a specimen of an earlier state of the reverse break, see the next lot.

BOWER'S RCR #14 APRIL, 1972

1787 Mailed bust left. CONNECT obverse, INDL reverse. A massive die break at the 3 o'clock position on the reverse explains the rarity of Miller 15-S. The specimen in our *Review* No. 12 offering, an Abt. Fine example, sold immediately. This superior F-VF coin should be interesting for just 185.00

BOWER'S 'RARE COIN REVIEW #12, SEPT, 1971

1787 Mailed bust left. 15-S (R-5). CONNECT obverse, INDL reverse. A massive die break at the 3 o'clock position on the rev. explains the rarity of this variety. Abt. Fine #12 105.00

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

DEFECTIVE
BIT NICER
THAN PLATE

1787 M 15-S

$121 –

TAYLOR

2432 1787 Connecticut. M 15-S. Mailed Bust Left. 132.0 grains. High R-6. Sharpness of VG-8, overall, F-12 for grade. Dark, heavily striated flan.

Struck from an earlier than usually seen state of the reverse die: the wedge-shaped break on this specimen obscures only the top of the I and upper half of the B, but extends to the position on the shield usually seen. As it had not advanced as far as on most specimens seen, the obverse CONNECT is complete. Struck somewhat off center on the obverse, about the same as the Pine Tree E.A.C. specimen.

20 WGT. 99.7 GRAINS

PINE TREE "GENA '76" OCT, 1976

EXTREMELY RARE CONNECT/INDL

20 1787. M. 15-S (nearly R-7). Very Good. PHOTO.
22 Extremely rare variety with the prominent "fatal" break on Rev.; one of the most famous of all Connecticut rarities. Flatly struck as always; reddish brown and darker colors; bright on points of wear, some granularity. Compare with 1975 E.A.C. lots 99 (VG-F at $400) and 346 (G-VG at $300). R. MARTIN

R. MARTIN COLL - D. MITUZAS 3/3/87

STACK'S "MASS HIST. SOCIETY SALE" MARCH 29, 1973

47 1787 Connecticut. Miller 15-S. Rarity-5. The 2nd rarest CONNECT variety, this
80 – one with the **INDL ET LIB** reverse. Sharply struck, but several digs and rim nicks. The heavy die break on the reverse covers the letters IB which is diagnostic of this variety. A highly sought-after and very desirable variety. Fine.

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLL.), 1989

15-S	1787	VG/F-	R6+	Filled hole at 8:00; late
15-S	1787	VG/VG	R6+	Large rev. die break.

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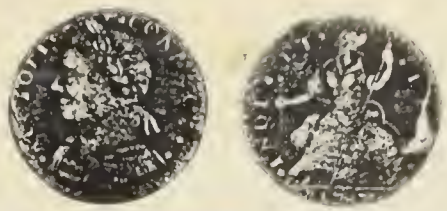
1787 Connecticut M 15-S

The "Fatal Break"

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.15-S
FINE



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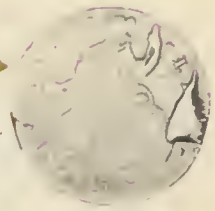
BOWER'S 'LLOYD HIGGINS' JAN 28-30, 1988

2013 1787 Connecticut. M 15-S. VG-8. Rarity-6. High Condition Census. Heavily striated and porous. CONNECT variety. Technically on a par with Taylor: 2431, also graded VG-8, which was among the finest known of the variety.

The variety takes it name from the pronounced wedge shaped break on the reverse rim which obscures the I and V of the last word of the legend. On this specimen, the break is about as advanced as seen on the Taylor 2431. The majority of this variety bear the break in this state of advancement. Taylor 2431 was exceptional, one of the earliest seen.

1787 M. 15-S
VLACK PLATE
REV. S →
VERY GOOD / FINE
JIM GOODGE COLL.
SEE PHOTO



24. Same, CONNECT-INDL ET LIB 20.00

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

52) 1787 M.15-S Fine-15 or better details. Some scattered planchets on obverse and reverse. Two out of three grapevines visable on shield. Medium brown.

53) 1787 M.15-S Abt. Good overall. Reddish brown with patches of scattered porosity ond verdigris, mostly on reverse. Small rim bruise. White ink attribution. (No Provenance)

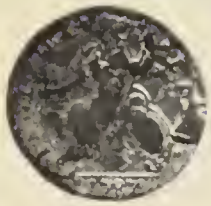
NEW NETHERLAND'S 51st SALE' JUNE 18, 1958

90 Similar; the **CONNECT** obv. with the RRR rev. error **INDL ET LIB**. Very Good
14- or so and somewhat mishandled; pierced at A of AUCTORI (not disturbing the all-important INDL). Space filler for a **Rarity 7** type; the only 1787 with the blunder INDL. 15-S HOLED ($5.00)

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

60 1787 Mailed Bust Left CONNECT, M #15-S (R-7) Excessively rare
#70- "INDL" reverse. Giant reverse rim break. VERY GOOD-8, dark with an attempted puncture at obverse center. Fourth finest known. A
WHT. 113.3 GR. type coin of the utmost importance. R. MARTIN - D. MITUZAS 3/3/81

MILLER PLATE



REV. →

CROSBY PLATE (1875)

HENRY C. MILLER, MAY 26-29, 1920

1.60 1891 1787. CONNECT. variety. C. 15-S. Good.

.46 2166 1787. C. 15--S. Rarity 6, poor;-- ~~16 (5) N (1) G.~~ 2 pcs.

MIKE RINGO LIST JUNE, 1987

18. 1787 MBL CONNECT/INDL ET LIB, M.15-S. Good or better, granular medium brown planchet with most details visible. The "fatal break" variety, so called because of the large reverse diebreak. Rarity-6..... 125.00

WHT. 128.5 GRAINS

1787 M.15-S "Fatal Break" Fair/Abt. Good. Heavily defective flan.

STACK'S SALE OCT 20-23, 1282 LOT# 839 1 OF 8 PIECES - R. MARTIN E. SIERRA, 5-4

15-S

→ SEE FPL #6 1992
ROSA AMERICAN LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #5 SUMMER, 1991

29. 1787 Miller 15-S, the "Fatal Break" variety. Fine, sharply struck, with full legends [except where covered by the reverse break] and date. Evenly rough, as often found on the variety. Nicer than the Taylor coin [a VG at $357.50] or the Dr. Hall-Hessberg coin [a VG that was called "Condition Census"] which sold for $440. A most unusual opportunity to acquire one of the finest known examples of this High Rarity-6 variety.....$329

The present example is an intermediate die state, with the reverse break between Taylor: 2432 [the earliest we've seen] and later examples such as Taylor: 2431 or Hessberg: 1386.

THE BIZARRE LETTERING OF CONNECTICUT COPPERS

LETTERS INTENDED TO BE IMPROVISED
"L" not altered to "E"

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1788 obverse 13; 17
1787 reverse S

Another example of a wrong letter in the right place may be found in the 1788 obverses 13 and 17 where the second word of both legends reads CONNLC. There is no doubt that the die sinker intended to convert the "L" into an "E" by the simple expediency of adding two horizontal bars. However the alteration didn't get done, hence this anomalous curiosity remains to bemuse collectors of numismatic oddments. The clean cut INDL legend of reverse S of 1787 illustrates again another die with an "L" which was never converted into an "E".

STACK'S SALE SEPT 7-8, 1989

VERY RARE 1787 MILLER 15-S

Lot No. 841

841 1787 Miller 15-S (**High R-6**). The fatal break. Complete date, NE weak on the obverse legend due to the extended die cud at the right reverse (which is actually in a fairly early state, the break only reaching to the top of I). Deep brown fields, lighter tan devices. Fine or so.

412.50

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

CONDITION CENSUS
"FATAL BREAK" 1787 COPPER

DR. HALL

HESSBERG

200-400-440.00

Lot No. 1386

D. MITUZAS DARK, ROUGH, MARKS.

1386 1787 Miller 15-S (High R-6). 124 grains. Mailed bust left, CONNECT in legend. Reverse legend includes error INDL, and displays the massive triangular die break from 3 to 4 o'clock which gives this variety its name. Only the "L" of LIB is visible. Rare, since few additional coins could be struck with this disintegrating die. This variety is simply not known in high grades; the Taylor VG-8 was among the finest known, and the Pine Tree-EAC coin although more boldly detailed was also called Very Good. The present coin is not far behind those two pieces. Faintly porous, dark brown. Bold Very Good.

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection.

15-S

M.R.R.C.A. EAC'91 MIDNIGHT SALE' APRIL 28, 1991

Lot 9: 1787 Connecticut, Miller 15-S, Rarity-6. Very Good, some details Fine, all three grapevines visible. Porous and granular, dark green patina, parts of legends weak. Usually seen in low grades. **100/160, Retz**

Noted collector William Anton, Jr. observes that a specimen of this variety in his collection is double struck, off center and clipped, over a New Jersey copper (Maris 69-W) partial brockage cap, itself struck over a counterstamped Low-145 Hard Times token, proving that the Elizabethtown mint operated well into the 1830's. Or, it could be a piece of charcoal. WOW!

SEE FPL#5 SUMMER 1991
ROSA AMERICANA FPL#6 1992

Rare "FATAL BREAK" Variety
1787 Miller 15-S

36 1787 Connecticut, Miller 15-S, the "Fatal Break" reverse die High Rarity-6 122 0 grains Fine or so Sharply struck, with full legends (except IB of LIB which is covered by the massive reverse die break), date, and details The planchet is a minutely granular dark brown, with somewhat lighter highlights. Much nicer than the recent Hessberg example (a VG that was mistakenly called Condition Census and sold for $440) as well as most of the others that have appeared on the market in recent years No doubt the reverse die broke quite early in its life and was quickly discarded, accounting for the rarity of the variety, we know of only a dozen auction appearances of the variety going all the way back to 1920! This variety was not present in the Picker, Robison, Oechsner, Norweb or Garrett collections Certainly in the Condition Census for the variety, and, another opportunity for the astute collector! $399

The following list of auction appearances for the last seventy years appears to be complete

1) Kagin's 313th sale, called Extremely Fine, and, if so, heads and shoulders the finest known example of the variety

2) The Taylor coin, nearly Very Fine (seriously undergraded in that catalogue, but still recognized by collectors as a choice piece), on a smooth, relatively clean planchet

3) The EAC '75 piece, later in the Roper sale, nearly Very Fine attractive

4) A coin in Stack's September, 1989 sale, Fine

5) The present example, Fine

6) Stack's March, 1973 sale, later in New England Rare Coin Auctions third sale, Fine, heavy digs

7) An specimen in the EAC '76 sale, part of a group lot, Very Good, granular

8) The Hessberg example, Very Good, granular, called "Condition Census"

9) The second Taylor coin, early die state, Very Good, heavy striations

10) Massachusetts Historical Society, Stack's October, 1970 sale, Good/Very Good

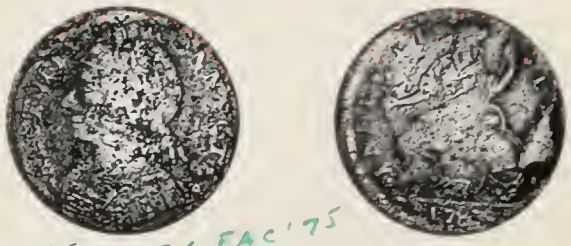
11) New Netherlands 51st sale, Very Good, holed at A of AUCTOR!

12) Miller sale, Good May be one of the above coins, as Thomas Elder's grading and descriptions left an awful lot to be desired!

13) Miller sale, part of a group lot, Poor, could have also been one of the above coins

SEE PINE TREE "EAC'75 SALE" FEB 15, 1975 LOT #346
MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

FATAL BREAK M.15-S EX KESSLER-EAC 1975



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EX EAC '75
#346

282 1787 CONNECTICUT CENT M.15-S THE FATAL BREAK VARIETY.(HIGH R-6) VG10 135.7 grains. The Fatal Break variety. Obverse shows some moderate shallow surface pitting scattered over much of the surface. Dark brown with deep red and green highlights in the fields. Scuff across cheek, another across the globe, and a scratch at the final 7. All major design elements present. Tremedous break that gave this variety its popular appellation is present at reverse K3-4 and looking quite healthy. Sold and plated as lot 346 in the famous 1975 EAC sale as part of a consignment from the Alan Kessler collection. Breen said there that this piece is better than the MHS coin sold by Stack's in 1970 and the two ANS specimens. He called in G-VG, a testament to his very conservative grading. Earlier part of Rare Coin Review # 12's fabulous offering of Connecticuts. It was graded as About Fine in that list. An important coin, a rare variety, and a good pedigree. See 1975 EAC sale for more information on this coin or the variety. Another specimen was sold in lot 99. Worth a premium bid from the Connecticut collector who still lacks this popular variety, or who appreciates the 1975 EAC Sale pedigree.

SEE ROSA AMERICANA FPL#13 (1998) LOT#185
COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 19, 1998

2518 ~~1788 Connecticut, Miller 4-1-G, Very Good~~, 1787 M.15-S. "Fatal Break". Fine, holed. 2 pieces.

15-S

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) SPRING 1996

THE EXTREMELY RARE MILLER 15-S
The "Fatal Break" Reverse

142 1787 Connecticut. Miller 15-S, the rare "Fatal Break" variety. High Rarity-6. 105.3 grains. Very Good to Fine, many details of the latter grade, but somewhat unevenly struck due to the usual terminal die state of the reverse. This one has nearly full legends, with parts of NEC weak on the obverse and most of IB on the reverse, the latter due to the tremendous diebreak in that area that gives the variety its nickname. We have never seen a perfect die state of this reverse [though the Taylor sale had one with a lighter break], indicating that the die broke early on in its life, thus accounting for the rarity of the issue today. The rest of the legends are full and sharp, as is the date — the latter unusual on the variety. Medium brown surfaces, with light but even roughness, as always found on the variety. A small planchet crack at the edge at K-8 on the obverse touches none of the legends there, and barely nicks the E of ET on the reverse. Otherwise quite choice, and free of any sort of post-striking damage or defect, which gives the piece nice eye appeal. The only recent auction appearance for the variety appears to be the second EAC'75 coin [from the Kessler consignment, not the mainline coins] which was in the C4 convention sale. That coin had more serious pitting, some corrosion and some scuffs on either side and still brought $464 in spirited bidding. The previous auction appearance for the variety was the Hessberg coin, a rough VG that was somehow called "Condition Census." The variety was completely missing from such name sales as Garrett, Robison, Norweb, Picker, Oecshner and the various Boyd-Brand-Ryder-Ford offerings. This is the first specimen we've sold since our Sixth price list way back in 1992, a Fine coin that received numerous orders and disappointed quite a few collectors when it quickly sold to a specialist in the series. As far as we know, this is the only example of the variety currently available to collectors. High rarity, nice condition and a visually stunning reverse break, all at just.....$529

Our Sixth price list [1992] contained a census of the thirteen examples that were then known to us. Since that time two or three others have been discovered, including the present coin; even with these new additions the variety has held its rarity over the years.

1787 M.15-S
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION
EX BOB VLACK (VLACK PLATE COIN)

15-S

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

THE EXTREMELY RARE MILLER 15-S
The "Fatal Break" Reverse
From the Jim Goudge Collection

119 1787 Connecticut. Miller 15-S, the rare "Fatal Break" variety. High Rarity-6. 128.3 grains. Very Good to Fine, many details of the latter grade, but somewhat unevenly struck due to the usual terminal die state of the reverse. AUCTORI is almost gone, but most of CONNECT is sharp on the obverse, while most of INDE is weak on the reverse. LIB is partially obscured by the the tremendous diebreak in that area that gives the variety its nickname. Full, sharp date, quite unusual for the variety. We have never seen a perfect die state of this reverse [though the Taylor sale had one with a lighter break], indicating that the die broke early on in its life, thus accounting for the rarity of the issue today. Medium brown surfaces, with light but even roughness, as always found on the variety. There is a small planchet lamination at the edge at K-8 on the obverse and some light striations, the only one noticeable without a glass is at the center of the reverse. Although the planchet stock is crude, the coin is free of any sort of post-striking damage or defect, which gives the piece decent eye appeal. The only recent auction appearances for the variety appear to be the second EAC'75 coin [from the Kessler consignment, not the mainline coins] which was in the C4 convention sale [that coin had more serious pitting, some corrosion and some scuffs on either side and still brought $464 in spirited bidding] and the Hessberg coin, a rough VG that was somehow called "Condition Census." The variety was completely missing from such name sales as Garrett, Robison, Norweb, Picker, Oecshner and the various Boyd-Brand-Ryder-Ford offerings. We've handled only a pair in recent years, one on our Sixth price list way back in 1992, a Fine coin and one on our last price list, a VG/F, both of which received numerous orders and disappointed quite a few collectors when they quickly sold to specialists in the series. As far as we know, this is the only example of the variety currently available to collectors. High ranty, nice condition and a visually stunning reverse break, all at a price of just.....$499

From the Jim Goudge collection of Connecticut coppers; a rare pedigree indeed!

The present example has a break nearly as advanced as Taylor: 2431, a small planchet lamination atop the brak makes it looks larger, but under magnification it's clear that the I in LIB is only halfway covered by the cud, whereas on the Taylor piece it is almost completely obscured

15-S

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

POSSIBLY COIN GALLERIES SALE 2/19/98 LOT #2518

THE EXTREMELY RARE MILLER 15-S
The Fatal Break Reverse

HOLED

185. 1787 Connecticut. Miller 15-S, the "Fatal Break" reverse. High Rarity-6. 124.3 grains. Very Fine, and quite high in the grade level. Actually quite sharp for a variety that is notoriously weakly struck. The present coin has full, crisp legends on either side, a sharp and complete date and all of the design details bold and sharp, including the lines on the globe and grapevines on the shield. Even better, the color is a hard golden brown, quite glossy and choice for the grade. This example would surely rank as one of the finest known examples – indeed nicer than just about everything else that we have ever seen. However, the piece has been holed near the rim at K-2, the hole missing all the legends and nestled between the shield and the large diebreak on the reverse; this hole can probably be easily repaired, and the resulting coin would be a knockout. The reverse diebreak is as late as any that we've seen, with most of the I and all of the B of LIB covered. No examples are known in a perfect die state, and obviously this reverse broke early in its life and must have failed rapidly, accounting for the rarity of the variety today. The variety does not come up for sale very often – the last ones were the second EAC '75 coin which later appeared in the 1996 C4 Convention [a pitted VG] and the Hessberg coin, a rough VG that was actually called "Condition Census." The variety was completely missing from such name sales as Garrett, Robison, Norweb, Picker, Oecshner and the various Boyd-Brand-Ryder-Ford offerings. We've specialized in Connecticut coppers and have only handled three examples, on our Sixth, Tenth and Eleventh lists, each of which sold quickly. Without the hole, this coin would realize well into four figures, since it has choicer surfaces and color than just about any specimen known; because of this flaw, it is available for a small fraction of the price.....$299

1787 15-S NGC Slab graded AU55. Finest Known.
Syd Martin Collection October 2007

Robert: the 15-S I hinted about is now in hand. It is (unfortunately) in an NGC slab graded AU55. I honestly believe it is a full UNC, with just a tough of flatness from the strike. Relatively well centered, just a few striations in the flan, which is mostly hard and glossy. Globe lines sharp, grapevines sharp; full facial characteristics on the reverse effigy; incredibly sharp cinquefoils. On the obverse the "E" is a bit weak, but all other letters are sharply defined; full hair lines. Overall good, original color. Syd

WHT. 149.7 GRAINS

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE FEB 15, 1975

16.1-m

GROUP I-A

Large Letters, Small Dates, Blunt Star Ornaments Only.

100* 1787. M. 16.1-m. R-3. Heavily strengthened armor. No rev. colons; ET-LIB hyphenated. **Better than Very Fine,** centers not as well struck up as remainder; natural reddish brown gloss; planchet free of all but the most trivial original defects, no nicks or scratches. Attribution on face. Possibly a little finer than lot 162 of the Merkin sale; similar in quality to lot 338, New Netherlands 60th sale, but **no finer example has been offered to our knowledge.** From the handwriting of the attribution, apparently ex Miller coll. **(Photo) ($100.–up)**

$65

$65 —

*Bids accepted by mail only.

EAC'75

100

HENRY C. MILLER SALE 'MAY 26-29, 1920

.30 1892 1787. C.-16 (1), M. (1). Good. R.3.

.16 2114 1787. C. 16 (1)--M. (2); 17-G.(1). G. & VG. 6 pc.

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

OK VF (30-25)
OK DETAIL
OK COLOR

$154 —

TAYLOR

2433 1787 Connecticut. M 16.1-m. Draped Bust Left. 169.4 grains. R-4 VF-30. Dark golden brown, with some surface roughness. Slightly off center on the reverse, effecting none of the letters or date. Unusually heavy flan, nearly 20% above the statutory weight. Marginally less sharp than the Pine Tree/E.A.C. specimen. E on obverse typically weak, probable die damage at this point.

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL"
SEPT 9, 1988
FAIR FINE
UNEVEN & WEAK

80 —
90 —

Lot No. 1084

D. PARTRICK
OECCHSNER

1084 **1787 Miller 16.1-m.** Draped bust left. (R-4). 154.9 grains. **Fine,** soft strike on the head and lower half of Liberty. A planchet defect line across the head. Full legends. Bottom of the date off the flan. Medium olive brown toning, glossy fields. Old attribution number inked on the field.

$99 —

PINE TREE "GENA'76 SALE" OCT 1, 1976

21 **1787.** M. 16.1-m (R-3). **Very Fine+,** with surfaces and many details approaching Ex. Fine.

$91

Struck slightly off center with most noticeable result being that most of the date is off flan. Bold, and patinated a uniform chocolate brown. Superior, in this cataloguer's opinion, to the E.A.C. coin, which we said, at the time, was the finest example offered to our knowledge. See 1975 E.A.C. lot 100. 91 [illegible]

NASCA 'M. BRYAN COLL' NOV 2, 1977

18 **1787.** M. 16.1-m. R-3. **Fine-12.**

Some details approach sharpness of VF. Fairly well centered. Obv. planchet split, rim to head. Date on flan, but difficult to read, 78 legible. Two small rev. planchet flaws. Some uniform shallow granularity. Typical general condition for grade and type.

(SEE BOWERS SALE JAN 7, 1993 #1006 1 OF 5 PIECES
BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5389 1787 Connecticut copper. M16.1-m. Draped Bust left. 146.9 grains. Rarity-4. G-4.6, very porous and pitted on both sides. Die states, nevertheless, equivalent to Taylor-2433.

33.00

Ex Ryder Collection. Henry Chapman stock envelope accompanies this lot.

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

1178 1787 Connecticut copper. M-16.1-M. Draped Bust Left. 148.0 grains. Rarity-4. VG-8. Golden brown with traces of olive, primarily on the reverse. Reverse pitted, obverse verdigris spot at top. Miller attribution number painted in yellow in the left obverse field. Traces of old adhesive on the obverse. Die states equivalent to Taylor 2433.

49.50

TOO DARK

Ex Hays, Ryder collections. Ticket and U.S. Coin Co. auction envelope, numbered "592" accompany this lot.

AMWEST 'V.I.P. SALE' NOV 19, 1981

30. 1787 Draped Bust Left. M-16-1-M (R-3) Fine +. Scarce type with hyphenated ET-LIB. Full, smooth planchet with natural reddish-brown glossy highlights. Very sharp strike, full legends, tops of date showing. Not much inferior to EAC 1975: 100; that coin called a Very Fine and thought to be tied for finest known. **This is definitely a condition census coin.** $100 —

16.1-m

COIN GALLERIES SALE JUNE 5, 1980 SOME STRIKE

1436 1787 Connecticut, M.16.1-m, (R-3). Draped Bust left, Very Fine.

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 12, 1980

1553 — Connecticut. 1787 Cent. M.16.1-m (R-3). Very Good, soft at centers, but nearly full date on flan. 30.80
30.80

MAYPLOWER "STEARNS COLL" DEC 2, 1966

178 1787 Draped Bust left. 16.1-m (R3). Very Good 4 —

SUPERIOR'S "WYATT SALE" SEPT 30-OCT 1, 1985

49 **1787 Cent. Draped bust left. Miller-16.1-m (R-3). Fine.** Some details fully Very Fine, though very weakly struck-up in centers, as usual. Gray brown with some reddish shades, reverse fields dark, surfaces lightly rough. Reverse die impressed low on the flan, only the tops of the date visible. Not too far below the quality of the Bowers 1975 EAC coin, Lot 100. Scarce, not too often encountered better . . . . . ($100-150)
60.50

ROBERT MARTIN COLLECTION

CHOICE EXTREMELY FINE FINEST!

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

1387 **1787** Miller 16.1-M (R-4). 158 grains. Draped bust left, most widely used Connecticut design attributed to Abel Buell, inspired by George II halfpence. Large cinquefoils, ET.LIB run together on reverse. Attractive glossy light tan. Very Fine. GOOD COLOR OBV. SURFACE MARKS DR. HALL
Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection. HESSBERG
DATE MOSTLY OFF FLAN

PINE TREE "FUN 176" JAN 6, 1978

20 **1787 M. 16. 1-M (R-3). Very Fine+, with surfaces and many details approaching Ex. Fine.** Struck slightly off center with most noticeable result being that most of the date is off flan. Bold; and patinated a uniform chocolate brown. Superior, in this cataloguer's opinion, to the E.A.C. coin, which we said, at the time, was the finest example offered to our knowledge. See 1975 E.A.C. lot 100. **(Photo)**

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NEW NETHERLAND'S 60TH SALE DEC 3-4, 1968

338 1787. Draped bust left, colons only. **M. 16¹-m** (Rarity 3). A U C very wide, drapery recut; five stars in rev. legend, no colons. Strictly Very Fine. Weakly and unevenly struck upon a heavy flan, some areas showing ample sharpness and close to EF; desirable light chocolate-brown surfaces. Reverse die impressed low on planchet; tops of date only visible. Scarce; when choice, rare. Found in Europe; from our 56th offering, June 27-28, 1962, lot 29.
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NEW NETHERLAND'S 56TH SALE, JUNE 27, 1962

29 1787. Cent. Draped bust l., colons only. A U C very wide, drapery recut. Rev. Five stars in legend, no colons. M. 16¹-m. Better than Extremely Fine for this weakly and unevenly struck coin. Drapery, cinquefoils and some letters almost fully sharp, the rest rather indefinite, but the surfaces fully justifying the grade. A lovely coin with a glossy chocolate color. In this condition rare.
16

1787 Draped bust left. 16.1-m (R-3). Fair $6.00; Very Good $16.00, Very Fine RCR #14. APR, 1972 . . . . . 39.00

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION)

16.1-m	1787		R3	
16.1-m	1787	F+/F+	R3	Pitted reverse; 90 degree di
16.1-m	1787	[illegible]	[illegible]	Rough planchet, poorly
16.1-m	1787	F-/F-	R3	Good strike but worn.
16.1-m	1737	F-/F-	R3	Finely pitted surface
16.1-m	1787	VF-/F-	R3	Thick planchet. Rim bur
16.1-m	1787	VG/VG-	R3	Off center 10%. 90 degree
16.1-m	1787	F-/F-	R3	5% off center. Obverse
16.1-m	1787	[illegible]		Attempted puncture. Some

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
16.1-M 3958 (8) VERY GOOD(8)

ANA MUSEUM, 1989
1787 Copper G 8.75g 180° Miller 16.1-M (R3)

16.1-m

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

54) 1787 M.16.1-m Fine-15 Smooth light to medium brown surfaces. Old small bruise in left obverse field. Dies rotated 90 degrees. (No white ink attribution)

L. MERKIN SALE OCT 31, 1973

162 — 1787 Miller 16.1m. Rarity 3. VF. Well centered, full date. All details clear. A very nice type coin.
42-

PAUL KAGIN LIST, APR, 1984

1787 Draped Bust left M 16 1 M Rarity 3-VF 125.00

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

58 1787 ~~Mailed Bust Left M #14-H (R-4) Fleurons at date. GOOD-6;~~ Draped Bust Left M #16.1-m (R-3) VERY GOOD-10, slightly porous with an edge flaw at 12 o'clock. (Lot of 2 pieces).
$30-

STEVE IVY SALE FEB 24-26, 1983

LOT # 1899 1787, M.16.1-M. (R-3). AG (3). Easily a strong Good but a large E-shaped planchet flaw detracts.
1 OF 4 PIECES

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

578 1787 Draped Bust Left. 16.1-m (R-3). With hyphen in reverse legend: INDE ET-LIB. Reverse rotated 45 degrees. Very Fine.
32.50

BOWER'S 'MILTON COHEN' JAN 24-26, 1985

2318 Trio of 1787 Connecticut Draped Bust Left coppers: Miller 16. 1-M. Fine or better, light brown surfaces; ~~Miller 31.2-r.3, Very Good, obverse panchet flaw; Miller 33.15-r.1, sharpness of Very Fine, granular planchet, dark surfaces.~~ (Total: 3 pieces)

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

LOT # 2501 M 16.1-m. VG-8 to F-12. Rarity-4. 153.2 grains. 28.4mm. 200°. Golden brown. Obverse very rough behind head. Old reverse scratches. (Total: ~~10~~ pieces) 1 OF 10 PIECES NORWEB

NORMAN PETERS LIST, OCT, 1983

1787 16.1-M (R3) G-VG $25.00

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1226 1787 M.16.1-M. Draped bust left. Very Good. A large dig on the lower obverse; ~~M.19-g.4. Very Good, minor planchet faults; M.22-g (R-5). About Good, heavily encrusted due to earth burial; M.25-b. Very Good, reverse porous; M.30-hh.1. Good but porous, with reverse pinscratches~~. 5 pieces.
264-

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1227 1787 M.16.1-M. Draped bust left. Good. Medium glossy brown planchet; ~~M.19-g.4. Very Good, light porosity; M.24-g.3 (R-4). Good but very weak strike, especially on the reverse. A diagonal pinscratch on the reverse; M.30-hh.1. "ET-LIB" variety. Very Good, corrosion spots~~. 4 pieces.
60.50

NORMAN PETERS LIST OCT, 1980

16.1-M, R3 G/VG DECENT FOR GRADE $12.00

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #3, 1990

44. **1787. Miller 16.1-m, Breen 796. Rarity-4. Draped Bust Left, large letters, blunt stars. 158.5 grains, 28.5mm. Fine or slightly better, weak in the central areas as almost always seen on the varieties using obverses 16 through 29. The date is almost completely gone, a combination of slight striking weakness and a misaligned reverse die. This variety is apparently unknown in grades higher than Very Fine, as illustrated by the Taylor and Oechsner examples.....$99**

D. LINETT LIST JULY 17, 1984

45 1787, M.16.1-M, R-3, Fine, even ultra light porosity on nearly defect free smooth surfaces 75.

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

167 1787 Connecticut copper. M 16.1-m. Draped Bust Left. F-15, perhaps slightl finer. Rarity-4. 137.8 grains. Die alignment: about 250°. AU in AUCTOR distinctly apart from the other letters, E in CONNEC typically weak. A few faint planchet striations are noted on both obverse and reverse. Slightly of center on the obverse, affecting just the tops of NEC. Attractive for the grade
176.50 R.R.N.S.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3rd C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

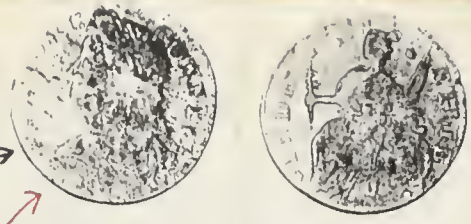
74. FOUR COUNTERSTAMPED COINS AND A VIRGIN: ~~1723 WOOD'S HIBERNIA HALFPENNY VG8 97.5 gns.~~ Mid-olive brown with fine porosity, W I I boldly punched into the reverse sideways almost the entire length of the seated figure. Letter punches but very neatly done. WITH 1787 CONNECTICUT M.16.1-m DBL (R-4) VG10 151.9 gns. Medium and pale olive, obverse flawed at right center, both sides with microscopic porosity, date mostly off flan. Seated Liberty is flanked on either side by bold I' punches, about twice the size of legend letters.

16.1-m

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

216 220.00 **1787** M.16.1-m (R-4). 133.2 grains. Date off the flan but reverse legends complete, obverse ones are nearly so. Slightly rough surfaces keep it from a higher grade. Fine, the reverse somewhat better. SOFT STRIKE FINE OFF CTR.

From Abrash, privately in 1970.



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COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 22, 1992

247 38.50 **1787 M 16.1-m.** Draped Bust Left. R-4. 133.2 gns. Fine. Fairly even golden brown. Both sides granular, obverse rough. Planchet flaws in left obverse field. Several rims nicks, particularly on reverse at 2 o'clock. Small planchet cutter clip on obverse at 9 o'clock. Obverse tight on left, reverse struck off center toward 6 o'clock, date mostly off flan. Die states as Taylor:2433.

COIN GALLERIES 'PERKINS II' APRIL 14, 1993

1987 137.50 **Balance of the collection,** consisting of 1787 and 1788 varieties, all heavily flawed, dented, holed, or scratched. Grades range from basal to Fine. An interesting lot for the die state enthusiast. **1787. M.16.1-m.** Rarity 4; ~~**M.17-g.3.** Low Rarity 4; **M.28-m.** Rarity 4; **M.31.1-gg.1.** Rarity 3. Large hole; **M.33.13-Z.7. Rarity 6; M.33.16-Z.15.** Rarity 3; **M.33.19-Z.2.** Rarity~~ 3 (~~traditional, probably too low~~); ~~**M.33.32-Z.13.** Rarity~~ 2; ~~**another; M.33.43-hh.2. ET LIR.** Low Rarity 6. Curious and intriguing incused STAT on reverse to right of head, **1788 MBL. M. 7-E.** High Rarity 5; **M.12.2-E.** Low Rarity 6 (traditional, probably too low); **M. 13-A.1.** Rarity~~ 5. **13** pieces.

COIN GALLERIES 'PERKINS II' APRIL 14, 1993

1977 121.00 **1787 M.16.1-m. Draped Bust Left.** Fine. Rarity 4. 141.5 gns. Olive and pale ruddy-brown. Lightly granular. Old obverse nicks. Dies appear perfect; **another.** Fine. 159.7 gns. Dark and golden brown. Granular. Small flaw each side. Perfect die states; ~~**M.16.5-n. DBL.** Very Good. 139.9 gns. Golden brown. Lightly granular. Small clip. From the clashed dies, **another.** Technical Very Fine. 166.2 gns. Mostly golden brown. Granular. Obverse scratched; reverse flawed. Perfect die states.~~ **4** pieces. 2 PIECES

The first ~~and third~~, from Robert Vlack in 1984, ex his second collection.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

145 30, 300, 330 **1787** ~~**M.12-Q.** "1787/1887," IN DE. Another. Fine, flawed, off center. 116.7 gns.; **M.13-D. MBL.** R-4.~~ Strong Fine but rough and bent slightly. ~~Miller number in a faded fine hand on obverse. 106.8 gns.; **M.14-H. MBL.** R-4. Strong Fine, cleaned. 107.1 gns.;~~ **M.16.1-m. DBL.** R-4. Very Good/Fine, reverse flawed. 164.7 gns; ~~**M.16.2-NN.1. DBL.** R-5. Very Good/Fine, granular. 148.1 gns; **M.18-g.1. DBL.** R-4 (underrated, possibly R-5 or 5+). About Fine/Very Good. Miller number in a coarse hand on obverse. 129.2 gns.~~ **6** pieces.

SEE BOWER'S 'SUNDERMAN SALE' MAR 14, 1994 LOT #2264

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

2644 66.00 **1787 M 16.1-m.** Draped Bust Left. R-4. 171.4 gns. Very Fine where struck up. Centers soft. Both surfaces granular and pitted. Reverse struck off center, date mostly off flan. Once cleaned. F/VF

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2124 150, 190, 200.00 **1787** ~~**M.9-R. MBL.** Overall Fine, cleaned. Rarity 5. 114.9 grains. Rough and laminated, heavy edge dent. "Overdate" bold. A variety whose rarity was overestimated; **1787 M.11.2-K. MBL.** Overall Very Good. Rarity 3. 141.9 grains. Brown. Light obverse flaw, rim clip at 8:30. Obverse state as Taylor:2420;~~ **1787 M.16.1-M. DBL. Fine.** Dark brown, granular, obverse scratched. Rarity 4. 140.1 grains; ~~**1787 M.16.2-NN.1. DBL.** Very Good, rough, reverse particularly. Rarity 5. 139.9 grains. Dark, verdigris on both sides.~~ **4** pieces.

COIN GALLERIES MAIL BID SALE FEB 10, 1993

2081 55.00 **1787** ~~**M.6.1-M.** "Laughing head." Poor. Rarity 1;~~ **M.16.1-m.** About Good. Rarity 4; ~~**M.32.3-X.4.** Very Fine, partial puncture. Rarity 2; **M.33.19-Z.1.** Very Good, obverse rough. Rarity 2; **M.33.37-Z.9.** Nearly Very Fine for sharpness, deep flaws both sides. Evenly corroded. Rarity~~ 4. **5** pieces.

BOWER'S 'M.H.S. SALE' NOV 15, 1994

3208 66 **1787 M 16.1-m Draped Bust Left. F-15.** Rarity-4. 154.8 grains. Slightly off center on the reverse, with just the tops of the date numerals present. Deep brown surfaces display chestnut toning highlights on the high points. A few areas of roughness noted, but still an attractive coin.

SEE COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF SALE 7/22/92 LOT #2644

BOWER'S "SUNDERLAND COLL" MARCH 14, 1994

2264 NOT SOLD **1787** Connecticut copper. M 16.1-m. Draped Bust Left. F-15, sharpness higher in certain areas. Rarity-4. 171.5 grains, slightly heavier than Taylor:2433 (169.4 grains), that called "nearly 20% above the statutory weight." Lightly cleaned long ago, now naturally retoning in shades of tan and brown. All but the tops of the date numerals 787 off flan.

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.16.1-m
VERY GOOD

MIKE RINGO LIST OCT, 1987

9. **1787 Draped Bust Left, M.16.1-m. A nice Fine with golden brown surfaces and no problems other than a small rim clip. Somewhat flatly struck.... 65.00**

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1981

43 1787 Miller-16.1-m. Draped Bust Left. Very Fine 65.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1977

1787 DBL, Miller 16.1-m, (R-3), strong Very Fine, well-struck and centered, dark brown, slightly dull surfaces with lighter highlights.....60.00

16.1-m

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LST #12 SPRING 1997

120 1787 Connecticut. Miller 16.1-m. Rarity-4. 120.2 grains. Fine, the obverse just a bit weaker than that grade level at the effigy's face. Nearly full legends, the final letter of AUCTORI and the NN of CONNEC obscured by some light planchet flaws. The reverse is choicer, with full legends and a nearly complete date, the inner two digits weak. Medium brown, a small area of roughness at the upper left obverse and with a few ancient hairline scratches on the reverse, though not all that detracting. A scarcer variety than its rarity rating would indicate, we've handled less than half a dozen examples in our near decade as dealers.....$79

16.1-m

16.2-NN.1

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.16.2-NN.1
EXTREMELY FINE, DEFECTS

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

101* 1787. M. 16.2–NN.1. High R–5, possibly R–6. Obv. A about equally far from bust and U TORI too close, I low. Rev. Lower colon dot serves as a leaf; dot between IT.LIB: **Some details VF, others Fine, surfaces more like VF or better,** in several shades of brown, flan unusually free of defects. At least equal to Stearns 179, considerably finer than lot 14, Norman Bryant coll., **no other auction records in recent years.** **(Photo) ($200.–up)**

$185

*Bids accepted by mail only.

EAC '75

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BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

GOOD COLOR

$55

TAYLOR

2434 1787 Connecticut. M 16.2-NN.1. Draped Bust Left. 171.8 grains. R-5. Overall, VG-8, with some areas sharper. Golden brown. Flawed across the center of the obverse. Heavy flan, nearly 20% overweight. Dies aligned medal turn. Soft, with lack of detail on the date (which is legible, nonetheless).

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

WEAK M.O.S. 5%

$38.50

TAYLOR

2435 1787 Connecticut. M 16.2-NN.1. Draped Bust Left. 142.9 grains. R-5. Good-4. Appears to have been struck three times, only the last two being very apparent on the flan. Medium golden brown, with some iridescent highlights. Attribution number on the obverse. Dies also aligned medal turn.

ROBA AMERICANA LIST #3, 1990

1787 MILLER 16.2-NN.1
A DR. HALL COIN
CONDITION CENSUS
QUALITY

INK ON EDGE

45. **1787. Miller 16.2-NN.1, Breen 796. Rarity-5. Draped Bust Left, large letters, blunt stars. 141.7 grains, 28.5mm. This piece has to be graded Very Fine,** as the surface gloss and light golden-brown color would not justify anything lower. The strike is weak at the absolute centers, and there is an area of small laminations at the lower left reverse. Full legends; the date is off the planchet. Another Hall-Brand coin, with the edge lettered **"16-2 NN."** We cannot locate a distinctly finer example having ever appeared at auction; the two Taylor pieces graded no better than VG, the Oecshner piece was a very badly scratched Fine and the Norweb piece was also a Fine, but, with many planchet flaws. **The present example is undoubtedly of Condition Census level.....$229**

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall, Virgil Brand, New Netherlands Coin Co., private collector [1952]. As with the above Hall-Brand coins, it has remained off the market for 38 years.

$66 "MID AMERICAN" 1987 AUG SALE "AUG 21-22, 1987

16. 1787 Connecticut Copper. Very Good (10/10). Miller 16.2-NN.1. Rarity 5. Double struck. The attribution number is inked into the left obverse field. A scarce variety and an interesting error.

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STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

OK/GOOD COLOR BUT SCRATCHES

75-80

Lot No. 1085

OECHSNER

1085 1787 Miller 16.2-NN1. Draped bust left. (R-5). 118.7 grains. **Very Fine,** weak centers and scratches on the obverse. Deep golden olive toning, some natural planchet roughness at the areas which did not strike up fully. Somewhat off-center, but full legends, and most of the date is visible.

$88

STACK'S "N. BRYANT SALE" FEB 2, 1973

14 1787 Connecticut Miller 16.2-NN.1 Rarity 4 F+ Slightly off-center A very scarce variety Ex John M. Richardson $25

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

16.2-NN.1 1787 F/F- R5 Worn. Crimped rim burr
16.2-dbl.1 1787 VG/VG R7- Dark: pitts both sides, Scud

16.2-NN.1

COIN GALLERIES SALE JUNE 5, 1980

1437 1787 Connecticut, M.16.2-NN.1, (R-5). Draped Bust left. A dramatic double-strike, with **two full sharp dates** showing. Rare and unusual. Fine or better.

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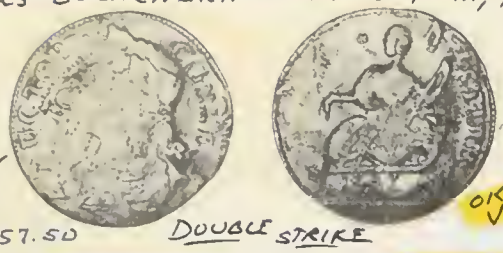
BOWERS BUCHENBACH-SMITH NOV 10-12, 1986



210 325 $357.50 DOUBLE STRIKE OFF-CENTER VF

2723 1787 Connecticut copper. M 16.2-NN.1. R-5. Fine-12 to VF-20, overall. Multiple offset strike, on both obverse and reverse, resulting in two dates visible on the reverse and partial defacement of the obverse effigy. An interesting mint error specimen, made more so by the rarity of its variety.

D. LINETT MAIL BID SALE #2 AUG, 1985

257. 1787 DRAPED BUST LEFT. Miller 16.2-NN.1. (High R-5). Very Fine or so. SPECTACULAR DOUBLE STRIKE. Two sets of legends, two obverse devices and two dates are clearly visible. A choice example of this ever-popular error. $450

257

PINE TREE "GENA" 76 SALE OCT 1, 1976

22 **1787.** M. 16.2-NN.1 (high R-5). **G-VG.**
15 Uniformly patinated dark brown; free of planchet defects. See 1975 E.A.C. lot 101 24-44 15.00

PINE TREE "BREEN III" JUNE 19, 1978

224 **1787 Draped Bust Left.** M. **16.2-NN.1** (high R-5) **G-VG.** Uniformly patinated dark brown, free of planchet defects. See 1975 E.A.C. lot 101. **($15-20)**
12 EX LOT 22 10/76 $15.00 12.00

BOWER'S "FRED & WARD COLL'S" NOV 13-14, 1995

3026 **1787 M 16.2-NN.1. Draped Bust Left. VF for sharpness. Rarity-5.**
24 141.4 grains. Die alignment: 120°. Medium brown with lighter high points. Patina and scratches at 9:00 on the reverse, otherwise a pleasing coin all around.

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1228 **1787 M.16.2-NN.1** (R-4). Draped bust left. Strong Very Good. Light tan planchet. Central area weak as is normal. Some minor planchet irregularity, mainly on the reverse.
93.50

MAYFLOWER "STEARNS COLL" DEC 2, 1966

179 1787 Draped Bust left 16² NN¹ (R¹) Very handsome light brown Very Fine.
$38

1787 Draped bust left. 16.2-NN.1 (R-4). Very Good, the Miller Collection specimen $22.00; Very Fine plus, with dies rotated 90 degrees . RARE COIN REVIEW #14 . APR, 1972 . . . . . 59.00

CURVED CLIP AT 7 O'CLOCK
WHITE INK ATTRIBUTION 167.4 GR

1787 Draped bust left. 16.2-NN.1 (R-4). VG, holed $8.00; Very Good RARE COIN REVIEW #12 . SEPT, 1971 . . . 22.00

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

55) 1787 M.16.2-NN.1 Very Good. Some scattered light porosity. Obverse slightly off center affecting tops of "RI" in AUCTORI. and "CO" in CONNEC. Medium brown with darker mottlings.

56) 1787 M.16.2-NN.1 Very Good/Fine-10. Smooth light brown with two planchet defects at obverse center. White ink attribution in fields. (No Provenance)

NEW NETHERLAND'S 56TH SALE JUNE 27, 1962

30 Similar pair. One with small numerals; ~~the other with dotted crosses obv., hyphened crosses reverse~~. M. 16²-NN¹ ~~and 20-a²~~. Fine ~~and Very Fine~~; first on defective planchet, ~~second cleaned some time ago and now beginning to tone.~~ Both scarce, the first R-4. 2 Pcs.
24

BOWER'S 'TUKOFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

579 1787 Draped Bust Left. 16.2-NN.1 (R-4). Reverse with dot between ET and LIB. Fine. Area of light striking near center, as always on 16.2-NN.1. Minor planchet defect near bottom of reverse. Reverse misaligned 50 degrees.
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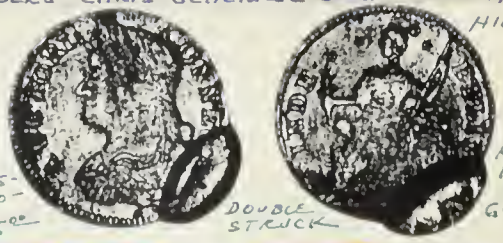
BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

HIGH CENSUS



375 500 605.00 DOUBLE STRUCK REDDISH BROWN & OLIVE GOOD DETAIL

5680 **1787 M 16.2-NN.1. Rarity-5. VF-20 to 25.** 135.4 grains. Perfect die states. Tab double struck and ejection failure, the reverse clip struck again, the obverse masked by an intervening planchet. The second tab double struck error to be featured in this collection.

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1968

2512 1787 Connecticut. An interesting lot. M 16.2-NN.1. F-12. Rarity-5. 141.5 grains. 28.2mm. 335°. Bright golden brown. Lightly lacquered. Attribution number penciled on the obverse and reverse. Flawed, as most seen. 1 OF 10 PIECES NORWEB

16.2-NN.1

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

POSSIBLE UNIQUE TRIPLE-STRUCK SPECIMEN

SEE ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL# 11 SPRING 1986 LOT #143 AT $749.00

WHT. 147.4 GRAINS R. MARTIN – D. MENCHELL

61 1787 Draped Bust Left M #16.2-NN.1 (High R-5) An incredible triple struck specimen, the 2nd strike 20% off center and the 3rd is 95% off center, both towards 5 o'clock on the obverse (11 o'clock on the reverse). Double struck Connecticut cents appear occasionally, but the cataloguer has not been able to locate another triple struck specimen. VERY GOOD–8 and worthy of your attention!

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SEE "McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN" C & GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995 LOT #141

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1989

991 CONNECTICUT. 1787 Maris 16.2-NN.1 (R-5). Fine, with some details close to Very Fine. Well centered, full legends and date. Deep reddish brown with highlighted devices.

$121–

Connecticut MOS Specimens (TN-62)

from John D. Wright; St. Joseph, Michigan

The Connecticut MOS specimen shown an the cover of the January 1976 issue (CNL, p.514) is the most abviously intentional construct I've seen of this series. Befare that piece, the one illustrated at the right had been sufficient ta convince me of intent. From the number of spectacular examples published in CNL it certainly would appear that the question of intent has been settled past any reasonable daubt.

16.2-NN.1 of 1787 MOS Type A
with 90° ratated reverse. Double struck.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 7-8, 1989

842 1787 Miller 16.2-NN.1 (R-5). Somewhat off center, but the tops of the date are visible. Deep brown and faded olive toning, the dies rotated more than 90 degrees clockwise with resulting strike weakness on the lower reverse and lower left obverse. Very Good/Fine; ~~1785 Miller 3.4 F.2. Medium brown, granular surfaces. Date mostly visible, as are the legends. Good~~. 2 pieces.

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DICK AUGUST LIST, JULY, 1985

22.1787 Draped Bust Left, 16.2NN.1, F, well centered with full date but dark and porous. scarce R5 $60

MIKE RINGO LIST, DEC, 1984

15.1787 Draped Bust Left, M.16.2-NN.1. Fine by wear, but brightly cleaned. An R-5 variety..... 15.00

16.2-NN.1

CNL OCT, 1996 P.665

16.2-NN.1

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 29, 1920

1.50 1893 1787. C. 16-(2) NN Good.

.18 3167 1787. C. 16 (2)--NN. Good. 3 pcs.

STACK'S SALE MAY 13, 1982

64 ~~1787 M.12-Q (weak date)~~; 1787 M.16.2-NN.1, D.B.L. (date missing); ~~1787 M.37.5-c, D.B.L.~~; ~~1788 M.16.1-D~~, ~~(3 scratches)~~. Condition ranges from Good to Fine. Lot of 4 pieces. 55 —

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1985

58 250 / 675 / 742.50 **1787 M.16.2-NN.1. DBL. R-5+ to R-6-** (revised). **Very Fine.** 134.7 gns. A second example of this scarcer than previously thought variety. Both sides are a pleasing, pale golden brown. The surfaces appear smooth and hard to the unaided eye. Effigy's bust flawed horizontally in three places; vertical rectangular flaw on Liberty's figure. Otherwise, no signs of accidental damage or important rim marks requiring mention here. A high grade for this variety. Die states as the preceding's. NICE VF T. TERRANOVA

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

DR. HALL

HESSBERG

700 / 800 / 880 ea

Lot No. 1388

VF / XF +

OBV. LAMINATION

1388 **1787 Miller 16.2-NN.1** (R-5). 153 grains. Draped bust left, coin turn. No obverse cinquefoils, four on reverse, which displays full facial details on Liberty, full date. Very Fine. MORE LIKE XF. NICE TAN COLOR LAMINATION ON OBV.

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection.

STACK'S 6/1995 LOT # 57

1787 MILLER 16.2-NN.1

The Hays-Hall-Hessberg Coin

High Condition Census

EX HESSBERG

400 / 2,700 / 2,970 —

Lot No. 57

TO HODDER — PARTRICK

57 **1787 M.16.2-NN.1. Draped Bust Left. R-5+ to R-6-** (revised). **Extremely Fine.** 152.3 gns. Nice, even orange brown on both sides. Fields mostly smooth and hard, just minor micro-granularity. Obverse flawed through face and top of head; reverse micro-striated. Tiny rim dent below effigy's left shoulder, otherwise, no rim nicks/dents requiring notice. **High Condition Census:** this example is finer than Taylor's three, Norweb's, Oechsner's, and the ANS coin. It is exceeded by EAC '75:101 and, on the strength of Breen's grading, Stearns:179. This variety missing from the Ryder-Boyd collection. **Hall's attribution number** painted on edge in yellowed white lacquer as "16-2 NN". Hall's original attribution number for this variety was "16.4-n.1" and was changed to "16-2 NN" on March 8, 1891. Dr. Hall recorded in his inventory ledger that this coin was graded "Fine" and was "An exchange with Mr. Hays May 13, 1891." Die states as Taylor:2434; reverse aligned "coin turn," unusual for the variety.

Ex Edward Hessberg Collection (Stack's, June 19, 1991, lot 1388).

STACK'S PERKIN'S COLL SALE MARCH 18, 1993

2124 150 / 190 / 209.02 1787 ~~M.9-R. MBL. Overall Fine, cleaned. Rarity~~ 5. ~~114.9 grains. Rough and laminated, heavy edge dent.~~ "Overdate" bold. ~~A variety whose rarity was overestimated. 1787 M.11.2-K. MBL. Overall Very Good. Rarity 3. 141.9 grains. Brown. Light obverse flaw, rim clip at 8:30. Obverse state as Taylor:2420; 1787 M.16.1-M. DBL. Fine. Dark brown, granular, obverse scratched. Rarity 4. 140.1 grains;~~ **1787 M.16.2-NN.1. DBL.** Very Good, rough, reverse particularly. Rarity 5. 139.9 grains. Dark, verdigris on both sides. 4 pieces.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

145 30 / 300 / 330 1787 ~~M.12-Q. "1787/1887," IN DE. Another. Fine, flawed, off center. 116.7 gns.;~~ ~~M.13-D. MBL. R-4. Strong Fine but rough and bent slightly. Miller number in a faded fine hand on obverse. 106.8 gns.;~~ ~~M.14-H. MBL. R-4. Strong Fine, cleaned. 107.1 gns.;~~ ~~M.16.1-m. DBL. R-4. Very Good/Fine, reverse flawed. 164.7 gns;~~ **M.16.2-NN.1. DBL.** ~~R-5. Very Good/Fine, granular. 148.1 gns;~~ ~~M.18-g.1. DBL. R-4 (underrated, possibly R-5 or 5+). About Fine/Very Good. Miller number in a coarse hand on obverse. 129.2 gns.~~ **6 pieces.**

16.2-NN.1

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

Rare Miller 16.2-nn.1

138 1787 Connecticut, Miller 16.2-nn.1. Rarity-6. 140.8 grains. Fine, a bit weaker at the absolute centers, though with full, strong legends and date. Dark brown surfaces that display some of the original planchet roughness at the absolute center; there is some light greenish oxidation on the reverse around some of the legends, probably removable. This is a very difficult variety to locate, much more so than its rarity rating would suggest—and it's the first that we've had in stock in years. The Taylor coin was a weaker VG [though with decent color] and brought $55 back in that prehistoric age! VF examples were offered in the EAC '75, Hessberg and Oecshner sales, the latter scratched. There hasn't been an example of the variety offered in recent years in any condition and it is certainly on a large number of want lists. This seems like a good time to acquire this rarity while it is still relatively unappreciated and the price is reasonable!.....$159

McCawley & Greenman CN SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

TRIPLE STRUCK M.16.2-NN.1

385-
400-
440

141. M24 1787 CONNECTICUT M.16.2-NN.1 DBL (High R-5) VG8 147.6 gns. A rarity to begin with, made triply so by strike; being one of a relative handful of triple struck Connecticut coppers. First the basics. Dark chocolate brown with lighter olive brown on some raised portions. The obverse predominantly smooth and reflective, the reverse more granular but still attractive. The first two strikes are dramatically offset by 20% towards 11:00 obverse, both designs and legends effected, while the third is a tab strike fully 95% off the planchet, resulting in it being somewhat out of round at that point. On the obverse just the tip of the wreath and upper hair lock of the bust can be made out. The reverse tab is indented with some dentition apparent. Reverse rotated 50 degrees. An important coin. Lot 61 from New England Rare Coin Auction's 7/76 sale where it was plated. Ticket not included.

SEE NEW ENGLAND SALE "BUCKLEY COLL" JULY 23, 1976 LOT #61 (PLATE) AT $940

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

AN AMAZING TRIPLE STRUCK MILLER 16.2-NN.1
With a Nice Pedigree

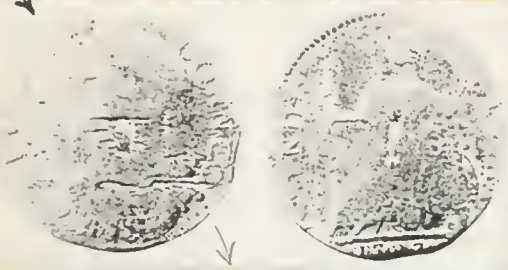
143 1787 Connecticut. Miller 16.2-NN.1. High Rarity-5 for the variety, High Rarity-7 for the error. 147.6 grains. Fine or slightly better in terms of sharpness, but BOLDLY TRIPLE STRUCK, the striking obliterating some of the details of the earlier strikes, as expected; in terms of actual wear received the piece probably grades a full VF. Hard chocolate brown surfaces, the obverse glossy while the reverse is just slightly matte-like. Neither side has a trace of post-striking damage or defect. The original strike wasperfectly centered; after sriking the planchet remained in the die, where it was struck two more times. The second strike was 20% off center towards 5 o'clock on the obverse and the third strike was a tab strike that was about 95% off center and most easily seen on the reverse at 11 o'clock. The original strike has all of the obverse legends visible as well as the tip and base of the effigy. The second strike gives an additional ORI: and the bottom of NNEC: as well as a nearly full bust. The third strike has some faint detail visible on the obverse, though is mostly noticeable by a tab protrusion at 5 o'clock. On the reverse the original strike displays a partial INDE and a full ET LIB and date and just the base of Liberty's globe, shield and feet. The second strike gives IB: and a full seated Liberty, branch hand and a SECOND FULL DATE visible atop Liberty's feet from the first strike! The third strike, as mentioned, produces a large tab at 11 o'clock. An extremely attractive coin, and a first-class example of this extremely rare error. It also boasts a choice pedigree, being from New England Rare Coin Auctions "Bicentennial Part II" sale held July 23, 1976 where it was listed and plated as Lot 61. That sale contained the collection of Richard F. Buckley, and at the time was one of the largest sales of Connecticut coppers ever held, just behind the Miller collection and the EAC '75 sales in terms of importance. With the triple striking bold, two visible dates, choice condition and a noteworthy pedigree, this piece should excite collectors to no end.....$749

We note that in the July, 1976 sale this piece was graded Very Good, a grade which simply does not do justice to the piece and which was probably given by a cataloguer unfamiliar with both Connecticut coppers and the effects that multipe strikes can have on a coin.

16.2-NN.1

STEVE HAYDEN FIXED PRICE LIST #2 OCT. 1996

14 Conn 1787 D.B.L. M.16.2-NN.1 R6- Fine 144.8 grains. Somewhat porous light brown with some tinges of orange, undoubtedly from an old cleaning. 65.00



ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING, 1997

121 1787 Connecticut. Miller 16.2-NN.1 Low Rarity-6. 144.6 grains. Fine or so, a bit weaker than that grade level at the absolute centers of either side. Full legends, most of the date on the planchet. The coin has two clips, a straight one at the top of the obverse which touches none of the design detail or legends and a curved one at K-4 on the obverse which cuts off the very bottom of the date on the reverse. Medium brown surfaces with a few light striations on either side, the ones on the obverse confined to the effigy's bust and neck area and the reverse with a small one at the center of Ms. Liberty. A rare variety and difficult to find in any grade, the only one we've been able to offer recently was the triple strick Buckley coin on our last price list which received several orders at $749. This one isn't as dramatic as that piece, but it will cost you a lot less money to fill a difficult hole in your collection.....$199

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

187. 1787 Connecticut. Miller 16.2-NN.1. Low Rarity-6. 145.1 grains. Very Good or so, the obverse a bit weaker than that grade level, the reverse with areas a bit stronger. AUCTORI is mostly weak on the obverse, but CONNEC is strong for the grade. The reverse has a full legend, but the date is mostly off the planchet due to centering. Medium honey brown surfaces, the obverse with a light diagonal scratch or striation that has toned down, else fairly clean with nothing other than honest wear. A most difficult variety to find in any grade and seldom seen much nicer. The clipped Fine example on our last price list sold very quickly at $199, and with multiple orders. This one is only slightly lower in grade, and is available at what we consider to be a most advantageous price for the specialist in the series.....$129

1787 16.2-NN.1, Extremely Fine 40, Smooth Medium Brown Color and Surfaces. Probably Finest Known. Ex Ebay Item #390035445521 5.12/09 @ $1,425.99

16.2-NN.2

A NEW CONNECTICUT DIE COMBINATION --- Miller 16.2-NN.2 of 1787

from Robert A Vlack; Plaistow, New Hampshire (TN-30)

→ TO JOEL JEOFFREY

It has been quite a while since the discovery of a new Connecticut die variety and since the Connecticut Coppers were basically my very first love in the Colonial field, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to report this new muling after so long o time. This specimen was purchased in Hartford, Connecticut last year during the NENA Convention.

It is obvious that this is a later combination of previously known dies. Both the obverse and reverse dies are of o later die state than their previous pairings, 16.2 - NN.1 and 16.6 - NN.2 respectively. The obverse shows severe die deterioration oround the letters ORI of AUCTORI ond mostly flattening of the oll oround die. On the reverse the entire upper portion of the die is all but gone with the upper stars blending into the field, and a die bulge beginning from the head of seoted Britannia, through the star and to the E of ET-LIB. I believe this late pairing accounts for its rarity because the appearonce indicates very tired dies ond was not used for any length of time.

All photographs enlarged 1.6x

DISCOVERY SPECIMEN

16.2-NN.1

16.2-NN.2

16.6-NN.2

new die combination

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MAY 1991 SERIAL NO. 88 P. 1248 J. ROCK

16.2-NN.2 -- Discovered by Robert A. Vlack in 1977 and first described in *The Colonial Newsletter*, Volume XVII, Number 3. Two examples traced, the discovery coin, and one sold in the Taylor sale which was mistakenly catalogued as being the discovery coin. 3 EXAMPLES TRACED

16.2-NN.2

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

1787 M 16.2-NN.2

~~The Unique Discovery Coin~~ ??

NOT UNIQUE

COLOR OK

$675

$742.50

3 KNOWN

TAYLOR

2436 1787 Connecticut. M 16.2-NN.2. Draped Bust Left. 152.6 grains. 200 R-9. Overall, Good-4, with some sharper areas. Uniform medium golden brown, scattered porosity. Softly struck center of the reverse and the upper left portion of the obverse. Reverse die damaged, slightly buckled, pronounced rim break from Liberty's head to her left hand. This combination unknown to Miller, not included in Edward Barnsley's 1964 update of Miller's variety listings; no previous auction appearance, the first time this specimen has been offered for public sale.

This is the unique discovery coin found by Robert Vlack in 1977 and first published by him in *The Colonial Newsletter* Vol. XVII No. 3. For the benefit of specialists, we will rehearse the diagnostics for the two dies here. Obverse 16.2 large letters, last colon low. A distant from bust. C close but does not touch head. O distant from head, last colon near C and toga. Reverse NN.2 branch points at second star not to its left, third leaf left points at upright of E. E and T in line, lower dot of colon distant from shield.

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STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

UNIQUE 1787 M 16.2-NN.2

TO D. PARTRICK

217 3,300 800 3000

1787 M.16.2-NN.2 (R-9). 152.6 grains. Medium golden brown, somewhat weak at lower reverse and upper left obverse. The surfaces a little granular. Very Good, reverse die buckling slightly.

Ex Taylor Sale (Bowers & Mereno, March 27, 1987, lot 2436. First discovered in 1977, and no other specimen discovered since. AT 742.50

GOOD/VG NO DATE OK COLOR

Lot No. 217
(Enlarged)

BOWER'S 'GREENWICH SALE' JAN 24-25, 1991

1787 Connecticut Copper

Miller 16.2-NN.2 Rarity-8

High Condition Census

$2,310.00

2031 1787 Connecticut copper. M16.2-NN.2. Rarity-8, high Condition Census. VG-8. 167.9 grains. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2436. Nicer than the Taylor coin, second best of the three known to the writer. This example is light coppery red in color. ORI softly struck up; reverse die with pronounced damage from multiple clashing. Thick, heavyweight flan, as usual on the variety. An important opportunity for the Connecticut specialist to acquire a previously unrecorded example of a very rare variety.

16.2-NN.2

The Eliasberg & Krause Collections - 3/2/2010 STACK'S

Lot 2345

1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 16.2-NN.2, W-3010. Rarity-8. Draped Bust Left. FINE-12

Price Realized:
$21,850.00

1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 16.2-NN.2, W-3010. Rarity-8. Draped Bust Left. FINE-12

158.9 gns. Heavy dents, bend to planchet. Deep chocolate brown with chestnut highlights. Numerous obverse dents and a planchet bend noted at 6:00, much the same can be said for the reverse. Still, an amazingly elusive rarity in the Connecticut copper series, a variety that was not represented in Perkins, Ford, or in several other major Connecticut copper collections. Not the prettiest specimen you will ever see, but the number you may ever see is quite limited.

From the Peter Scherff Collection of Colonial Coins; purchased from Bruce Miller, February 1991.

[illegible]

[illegible]

16.2-NN.2

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

16.3-1.2

GROUP B.

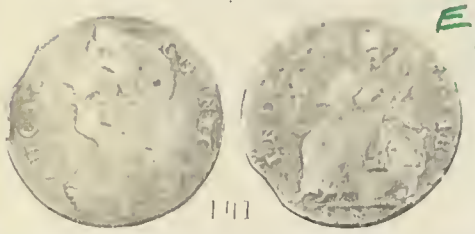
No Obv. Ornaments.

141 1787. M. 16.3-1.2. High R-6.? The only small letter obv. without ornaments after colons. Rev. as last but before it broke.. **Very Good or better,** dark with lighter mottling; small mint clip at OR; everything legible though date is weak as are some rev. ornaments. Attribution on face. **First we have seen in many years outside ANS; no auction record.** Probably the Dr. Hall* coin; possibly R-7. **(Photo)** **($200.–300.)**

$250 $250

*Bids accepted by mail only.

EAC '75



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BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA (1987)

807 1787 No obv. ornaments Very rare. M. 16.3-1.2.

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

16.3-L.2 694 (10) VERY GOOD (10)

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN. 1985

57) 1787 M.16.3-1.2 Extremely Fine. Smooth light and medium brown with some light diagonal planchet defects across obverse.

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991
SOME LIGHT STRIAE TO G. PERKINS
SMALL CURVED CLIP 8 O'CLOCK OBV.
2ND FINEST OF 5 LISTED DR. HALL

G. PERKINS R-7

1389 **1787** Miller 16.3-L.2 (~~R-4~~). 141 grains. Draped bust left, colon stops on obverse, reverse combines fleurons and colons. Light golden-brown. Fine. OK/NICE COLOR

350 1500 $1,650

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection. HESSBERG

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

1787 M.16.3-1.2 #694 (VERY GOOD 10)

16.3-1.2

BOWER'S "SUNDERLAND COLL" MARCH 14, 1994

Important 1787 Miller 16.3-1.2

Rarity-7

1,430.00

DAVE MENCHELL

1157 **1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 16.3-1.2. Draped Bust Left. VG-8. Rarity-7. 128.8 grains.** A prized rarity in the Connecticut copper series, **one of just four specimens currently known!** Indeed, it can safely be said that specimens of this rare die combination are offered at public auction about once a decade. Known specimens of M16.3-1.2 include:

1. American Numismatic Society Museum specimen; permanently impounded there; ex-Canfield Collection, acquired by the ANS in 1932.
2. Pine Tree/Early American Coppers auction sale; February 1975, Lot 141.
3. Stack's sale of the Hessberg Collection, June 1991, Lot 1389; ex Dr. Hall Collection.
4. The currently offered specimen; ex Frank Van Valen collection.

Technical sharpness of VG-8; the Pine Tree/EAC specimen was also VG-8, but exhibited several planchet flaws and marks. The specimen offered herein displays microscopic uniform porosity on both surfaces, and is darkly toned in shades of mahogany and olive green. The bottom third of the reverse date numerals are off the flan, but the fancy reverse punctuation is plainly evident.

To our knowledge, this is the only specimen of Miller 16.3-1.2 currently available to today's collecting community. Interested bidders are urged to plan accordingly.

Miller's reverse 1.2 appears in just three die combinations in the Connecticut copper series, including the combination offered herein; with obverse 33.16, a Rarity-6 combination, and with obverse 38, a Rarity-4 die combination. In combination with obverse die 38 of 1787, die breaks are visible on the reverse.

This cataloguer, and in this instance the owner (Frank Van Valen) is aware of just the four specimens enumerated above. A noted Connecticut copper specialist has mentioned the probable existence of a fifth specimen, and it is entirely possible that other examples of M16.3-1.2 may surface as time passes.

1787 M.16.3-1.2 VERY GOOD/ABT GOOD UNEVENLY STRUCK.
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN 1986

ANS Collection
Connecticut Coppers

16.3-1.2

57) 1787 M.16.3-1.2 Extremely Fine. Smooth light and medium brown with some light diagonal planchet defects across obverse.

1787 16.3-1.2 Very Fine. Light brown, some verdigris.
Frank Jozapaitis Collection 11/11/2010 @ C4 Convention. TO SYD MARTIN

16.3-1.2

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975 16.4-n

Rare M. 16.4–N

102 1787, M. 16.4–n. R–6. A almost touches drapery. Rev. Small 8 broken at top; T too high in ET–LIB: **Naturally glossy rich brown surfaces suggestive of VF grade,** weakly struck with some details Fine, others more like VG; DE and date weak. Attribution 16 5/n (!) on face, in what looks like Miller's script. **Very rare, no auction records in many years. (Photo)** **($275.–up)** $185

$185

EAC '75

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BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1967

NICE COLOR NICE EFFECT FINE 15

$522.50

TAYLOR

2437 **1787 Connecticut M 16.4-n. Draped Bust Left.** 157.8 grains. R-6. Sharpness of F-12. Medium golden brown, no surface flaws. Multiple offset strike (M.O.S.), struck again before the planchet could be ejected from between the dies. A fairly attractive M.O.S., especially on the reverse.

COIN GALLERIES SALE' AUG 20, 1976

1354 1787 M.16.4-n (R-6). Fine or better, the centers somewhat weakly struck; medium brown toning, die bulge on obverse as usual. Substantially sharper on both sides than EAC 102. OK, FINE

137.50

BOWER'S 'RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972

1787 Draped bust left. 16.4-n (R-4). A very rare variety, despite the modest R-4 rating. Absent from our *Review* No. 12 offering. The presently-offered coin, an Abt. Fine example, was the finest the former owner could find in many years of searching REARVE 39.00

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

16.4-n 1787 G-/VG R6 Dark. Grubby.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

58) 1787 M.16.4-N Fine. Mostly smooth light brown. Uneven strike causing some parts of legends to be stronger than others. Two small rim dings on obverse at 5 and 9 o'clock.

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

580 1787 Draped Bust Left. 16.4-n (R-4). Reverse with ET-LIB. Reverse rotated 35 degrees. Fine.

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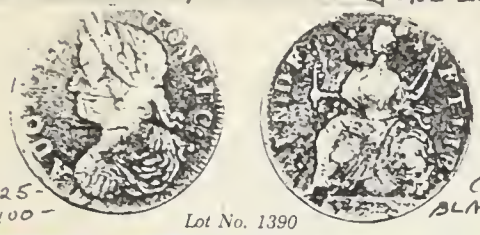
HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #42 MARCH 1, 1986

7. 1787 Miller 16.4-n. Good-4, R-6. No date, and plenchet defect on the reverse. Still a scarce piece. Draped Bust Left. $30

16.4-n

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991



DR. HALL

HESSBERG

TOO DARK
CONTRASTING
BLACK & BROWN.

225-
400-

Lot No. 1390

1390 440.00 **1787 Miller 16.4-n** (R-6). 169 grains. Draped bust left, bold strike on a noticeably heavy planchet, light obverse striations, Liberty strong but date weak. Deep brown with tan reliefs. Very Fine. TOO DARK

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection.

COIN GALLERIES / PERKINS II, APRIL 14, 1993

1978 187.00 **1787 M.16.4-n. DBL.** Very Good. **High Rarity 6,** if not Rarity 7. 145.1 gns. Even, olive brown. Both sides very granular. Scratches both sides. Otherwise, perfectly centered and fully attributable. Date obscure. Dies apparently perfect although exact states uncertain. **Very rare.** Although now only given a rating of R-6 we feel this is much too low. We know of the following examples: this coin; Taylor:2437, Fine; the ANS coin, Fine; Hessberg's Very Fine; the EAC'75 specimen, strong Fine; private collection, technical Very Fine; the piece stolen from Yale; and the CNL/Barnsley coin. If there are four more in other private collections this variety would still be an R-7! All known save two are in grades lower than Very Fine, making this a solidly collectable example.

From Robert Vlack in 1984, ex his second collection.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

THE EXTREMELY RARE MILLER 16.4-n

139 1787 Connecticut, Miller 16.4-n. Low Rarity-7 [upgraded from High Rarity-6]. 139.8 grains. Detail approaching Very Fine in some areas. Generally well struck, the legends on the left side fainter than those on the right, though everything is visible; the legends on the right especially strong. The date is weak but completely readable. Medium brown surfaces, the fields very slightly rough but not detracting in any way. There is a small obverse lamination at the ribbon ends and a larger one at the reverse from the rim to the shield; these were obviously there prior to striking and do not obscure any of the letters on either side. No real post-striking damage or defect. This is one of those varieties where the condition is almost meaningless because it is so difficult to find that collectors will gladly take whatever grade they can get! We are aware of only three auction appearances for the variety in the last two decades [one other was misattributed and really the more common 16.5-n]! The first was the EAC '75 coin, a nice but weak VF. The second was the Taylor coin, F/VF and dramatically double struck at $522.50. The third coin was the Dr. Hall-Hessberg example which was VF and rough and seems to have gone awfully cheap at only $440. The variety itself was completely missing from most of the major offerings in recent years: none in Garrett, Roper, Robison, Picker, Oecshner, Perkins, Kessler-Spangenberger, Norweb or any of the Ryder-Boyd-Ford offerings! Another incredible rarity in the series, the first that we've been able to offer and a coin that seems impossible to upgrade! If you need the variety, you better call quick.....$629

McCawley & Grellman 3rd CT Sale Nov 8, 1997

16.4-n

RARE 1787 CONNECTICUT M.16.4-n

DOUBLE STRUCK

178. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.16.4-n - DOUBLE STRUCK - DBL (High R-6) VG10 144.5 gns. A rare and dramatic tab double strike, on a very rare Connecticut variety, one that has been under rated in the past. Though long regarded as only a rarity 6 variety, this coin marks the 12th recorded in Robert Martin's extensive Connecticut data base, less than some coins still commonly assumed to be low rarity 7, certainly less than numerous other high rarity 6 Connecticuts. This coin has some fine porosity but it appears rather smooth to the eye. It is reflective with generally light brown toning, the reverse showing more of a cameo effect. There are two small but major digs on the obverse, each deep. One is near the center and the other left of the first and higher. The tab element of the strike is quite large as these things go, creating a bulge in the shape of the coin at 9:30 to noon obverse. The primary strike is high on the planchet, so that the tab follows the nose's contour up into the bust's forehead. The tab clearly shows the left corner of the drapery of the second bust, rotated forward slightly. On the reverse the tab is at the bottom from 5:30 to 7:30. Within it one can clearly see Liberty's head and the two cinquefoils that perched it. If anything the tab strike is stronger than the primary strike. A nice no questions VF example of this variety is simply not known. The two strongest known are the 1975 Pine Tree EAC coin, lot #102 described by Breen as "Naturally glossy and rich brown surfaces suggestive of VF grade, weakly struck with some details Fine, others more like VG", and the VF Hall/Hessberg coin, lot #1390, which was somewhat rough. Taylor had a nice Fine12 (described by Martin as a F15) that was also dramatically double struck. Those three coins are plated. The A.N.S. collection has a relatively nice Fine as well. A "Technical VF" is reported in a private collection, and Rosa Americana listed an example in fixed price list #10 said to have "detail approaching VF in some areas" with some surface problems. Bowers and Ruddy's 10/76 Turoff collection had an example (lot 580) which was described simply as "Reverse rotated 35 degrees. Fine" which was unplated. The only other auction appearance we know of was the 4/93 Coin Galleries continuation sale of George Perkin's duplicate Connecticuts, an unplated VG said by Martin to be closer to Fine. The remaining reported examples are in lower grade. *Tab strikes are far rarer than "normal" double strikes. One is likely to encounter 10 or more of the latter before finding a true tab strike, and even then it is likely to quite minor, with a piece of the second strike's denticals and little else. A pronounced tab like this is very rare.*

5/27/2 NGC VF 35

16.4-n

16.5-n

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

103 1787. M. 16.5-n. R-4, possibly R-5. "Broken nose" (a mere ridge, separate from cheek); drapery heavily reworked around clasp; break into field from base of A. **Surfaces similar to last, suggesting VF grade;** many details of VF sharpness, others more like Fine. **Apparently one of the best known;** better than the Dr. Hall piece or either of the two ANS coins, and the Appleton-MHS coin was only Good to VG. **No other auction record in decades.** Ex Bowers list, 1972, as VF.
$290 — (Photo) ($100.–up)

$290

EAC'75

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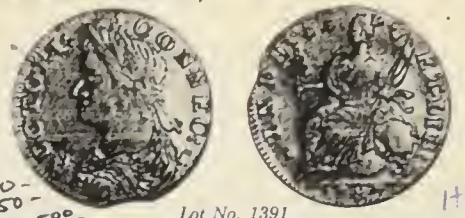
STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

DR. HALL

FINEST KNOWN



300-
1150-
1,265.00

Lot No. 1391

R. MARTIN

HESSBERG

1391 **1787 Miller 16.5-n** (R-4). 144 grains. Draped bust left, four cinquefoils on reverse. Very sharp strike, rich golden-tan with small planchet clip as made. **Extremely Fine.** NICE XF/AU

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection.

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' FEB 15, 1975

NICE COLOR
VF DETAIL

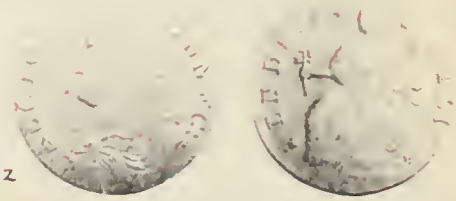
BUT SCRATCH

$209-

TAYLOR

2438 **1787 Connecticut. M 16.5-n. Draped Bust Left.** 133.1 grains. R-4. **VF-20,** for sharpness, eye appeal of a higher grade. Bright golden brown. Old scratch on obverse. Break beneath A on obverse as described by Miller.

BOWERS
RCR#14
APRIL, 1972



1787 Draped bust left. 16.5-n (R-3). Very Good $15.00. Very Fine $39.00; Extremely Fine 119.00

BOWERS "NORWEB" MARCH 25, 1988

SCRATCHES MINOR

NEEDS RETONING

NORWEB

2513/250 **1787 Connecticut. M 16.5-n. EF-40.** Rarity-4. 169.8 grains. 28.3mm. Olive and ruddy brown. A few old reverse scratches. Very sharp on the obverse. Obverse state equivalent to Taylor: 2438. Overall, nicer eye appeal than the Taylor coin.
Purchased circa 1913-1915. $550 — D. MENCHELL

$550

PINE TREE "GENA '76 SALE" OCT 1, 1976

23 **1787.** M. 16.5-n (R-4, possibly R-5). **Fine, some details approaching VF.**
Brown patina. One old rim bruise opposite A of AUCTORI. Refer to 1975 E.A.C. lot 103 (F-VF at $290).

25 — 25.00

PINE TREE "BREEN III" JUNE 19, 1978

225 **1787 Draped Bust Left.** M. **16.5-n** (R-4, possibly R-5). **Fine, some details approaching VF.** Brown patina. One old rim bruise opposite A of AUCTORI. Refer to 1975 E.A.C. lot 103 (F-VF at $290). **($35-40)**
EAC 75" 23 10/76 $25.00

18 — 15.00

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #39 JULY, 1981

1787 Connecticut copper. Draped bust left, large obverse letters. Miller 16.5-n (R-4). Fine, light to medium brown, clean and attractive. Reverse die rotated 30 degrees clockwise off normal alignment. Struck on a thick planchet. One of the varieties punch-linked to the 1786 DBL Connecticuts. Not easy to find better than this. 125.00

COIN GALLERIES 'PERKINS' APRIL 14, 1993

1977 1787 ~~M.16.1-m. Draped Bust Left. Fine. Rarity-1. 141.5 gns. Olive and pale ruddy-brown. Lightly granular. Old obverse nicks. Dies appear perfect;~~ **another.** ~~Fine. 159.7 gns. Dark and golden-brown. Granular. Small flaw each side. Perfect die states.~~ **M.16.5-n. DBL.** Very Good. 139.9 gns. Golden brown. Lightly granular. Small clip. From the clashed dies; **another.** Technical Very Fine. 166.2 gns. Mostly golden brown. Granular. Obverse scratched; reverse flawed. Perfect die states. 4 pieces. 2 PIECES

121.00

The ~~first and~~ third, from Robert Vlack in 1984, in his second collection

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLL.) 1989

16.5-n 1787 VG+/V R4+ 90 degree dies. Dark.
16.5-n 1787 "Dea" 90 degree dies.

16.5-n

COIN GALLERIES SALE' AUG 20, 1986

1355 1787 M.16.5-n (R-4). "Broken Nose." Very Good, two-tone coloration, some planchet defects on neck and head. Drapery almost of Very Fine sharpness, date soft but fully visible. Shows up at auction once in a decade!
88-

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

59) 1787 M.16.5-N Very Fine (35-40). Some trivial planchet striae and cracks on obverse and reverse. Medium brwon with some darker mottlings.

60) 1787 M.16.5-N DOUBLE STRUCK Very Fine. First strike is normal and centered. Second strike is 50% off center towards 12 o'clock. Medium brown.

NEW NETHERLANDS 59TH SALE JUNE 13-15, 1967

384 1787. Draped Bust left. M. 16.5-n (R-3) ~~and M. 19-g' (R-2)~~. Good ~~and Very Good~~. The first is on a slightly thick planchet, ~~the second unevenly struck~~. 2 Pcs. 10-

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.16.5-n
VERY GOOD

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

62 1787 Draped Bust Left M #16.5-n (R-3) "Broken Nose" Obverse VERY FINE-20, dark, planchet clip at 11 o'clock. Minor corrosion. The similar EAC coin realized $290.
90-

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

581 1787 Draped Bust Left. 16.5-n (R-3). ET-LIB. Fine. Some old parallel scratches on obverse. 166.3 GRAINS
20-
R. MARTIN 4/85 - M. RINGO.

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1.25 1894 1787. C. 16-(5), N (1). R. 3 Head l. AUCTORI: CONNEC: Rx. INDE ... ET LIB: Abt. Fine. R.3.

1.60 1895 1787. Head l. AUCTORI: CONNEC. Rx. . INDE . . . ETLIB. Obv. 16 (5) H (1) G.

2166 1787. ~~C. 15-S.~~ ~~Rarity 6, poor;~~ 16 (5)-N (1) G. 2 pcs. .26

STACK'S "MASS. HIST. SOCIETY SALE" MARCH 29, 1973

59 ~~Connecticut Cents. A lot of 4 varieties:~~ 1787 Miller 16.5-N. Rarity 3; ~~1787 Miller 32.4-X.5. Rarity 4; 1787 Miller 33.29-gg.2. Rarity 4. ET-LIB variety; 1787 Miller 33.36-T.1. Rarity 3. The third and last of three interesting lots.~~ Average Good to Very Good. 4 pieces.
20-

BOWER'S "P.D. WILLIAMS" SEPT 21-27, 1979

1294 ~~Five~~ 1787 Connecticuts: ~~(1) 8-N. R-4. VF-20, dark; (2) 8-O. R-4. AG-3; (3) 11.2-K. R-3. Good-4; (4) 15-F. R-4. VG-8;~~ (5) 16.5-m. VG-8. (Total: 5 pieces)

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

144 1787 Connecticut. Miller 16.5-n. Rarity-4 [probably a bit higher than that]. 173.2 grains. Very Good. Most of the legends are visible on either side, though those on the left are faint; the date is gone. A tiny planchet clip at K-9 touches none of the legends on either side. Light brown surfaces that are quite hard. The obverse has a large "W" lightly scratched on the effigy's face, while the reverse has some light roughness at the center and a small green spot at Liberty's lower leg. Not as bad as that description makes it sound, the choice light color and overall eye appeal more than compensate for the light defects. Scarcer than the rarity rating would indicate, this is the first example that we've been able to offer in years.....$59

Struck on a rather heavy planchet. If the piece has not been worn or lightly clipped the weight would have probably hovered around 180 grains, meaning the coiners could have lost money on the piece!

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

16.5-P

The Historic Very Rare 1887 M. 16.5–p

104 1787. M. 16.5–p. High R–7. Rev. with 5 stars but no colons; very wide date. **Some details of VF sharpness,** other weaker, some of the weakness due to mutually obliterative double striking; pleasing light brown; small mint clip affecting tops of ET. **This is the apparently unique specimen which led Miller to the erroneous listing 16.5–u** ("Apparently recut from . . . rev. p, the stars having the appearance of trefoils. Letters all badly formed and double cut. Arm holding branch consists of two parallel lines. Date weaker than in reverse p and date–lines further apart. Only one specimen known.") **But even as an ordinary 16.5–u** (if any specimen of this exceedingly rare variety could be considered as "ordinary") **this would be a great prize. None in ANS in any grade; no auction records in any grade; none on the Bowers Aug. 1972 list. Of historic importance, clearing up an error which has been in print for 55 years. (Photo)** $240 – **($325.–500.)**

$240

EAC '75

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BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

1787 M 16.5-p

$110 –

TAYLOR

2439 1787 Connecticut. M 16.5-p. Draped Bust Left. 158.4 grains. R-7. Good-4, dark and very porous. Reverse sharpness better than the grade suggests. Small rim clip at top of obverse. Reverse die readily identifiable; widely spaced INDE, branch hand points to first star.

As Edward Barnsley pointed out in his 1964 *Miller's Connecticut Listings Update*, Miller's unique 16.5-u was actually a specimen of 16.5-p misattributed by Miller. Apparently the specimen Miller originally assigned 16.5-u to was sold as Lot 104 of the Pine Tree E.A.C. Convention sale. Interested readers should refer to the description of that lot for the detailed analysis presented therein.

The Pine Tree E.A.C. Convention sale catalogue stands as the most technically masterful discussion of Connecticut coppers yet to appear in the literature. From the standpoint of order, the technical and historical information it contains are still unrivaled for the series. New collectors interested in the astonishingly complex Connecticut coppers series should begin with a careful reading, cover to cover, of this catalogue, supplemented by articles appearing throughout the various issues of *The Connecticut Necessitie*, which supplement and in some cases correct observations which originally appeared in 1975. While rarity ratings and occasionally attributions to particular diesinkers or groups of diesinkers may have been corrected in the intervening 11 years, the information contained in the Pine Tree E.A.C. sale catalogue is unrivaled for its close attention to die diagnostics, and for any collector is an indispensable guide for attributing his own collection as the majority of the pieces catalogued were plated and the photographs are clear enough to be useful.

BOWER'S 'DONOVAN & HUDGENS SALE NOV 18-19, 1993

2013 1787 Connecticut copper. M 16.5-p. Draped Bust Left. G-4. A Rarity-7 variety. 158.4 grains. Dark and very porous. Reverse sharpness finer than the suggested grade. A small straight rim clip is noted near the top of the obverse. Reverse die readily identifiable: widely spaced INDE, branch points to second cinquefoil.

From our sale of the Taylor Collection, March 1987, Lot 2439

$85

TAYLOR

NASCA 'M. BRYAN COLL' NOV 2, 1977

19 1787. M. 16.5-p. High R-7. **Very Good.**

Rev. sharpest, more bold, and Abt. Fine. Lettering ranges VF sharpness to just decipherable. Date not visible. Obv. brush marks. Highlights worn or brushed to brightness.

BOWER'S 'RARE COIN REVIEW' #14 APRIL, 1972

1787 Draped bust left. 16.5-p (R-5). Not in our *Review* No. 12 listing. Very Good, weakly struck (as is characteristic of 16.5-p). 105.00

16.5-p

-- from Edward R. Barnsley

First, a double struck 1787 16.5 - p which turned out to be the very same piece Miller handled 44 years ago, the reverse of which he thought to be a new die called u, (page 30); →

BOWER'S 'ANA SALE' AUG 10, 1989

1787 Connecticut Copper

Miller 16.5-p, Rarity-7

900-
900-

$990-

TO THE BOOK

1030 **1787 Connecticut copper. M 16.5-p. Rarity-7.** G-4/VG-8. 156.5 grains. Nice, deep brown. Softly struck at the top of the obverse, lower right reverse, as Taylor:2439. Overall, fairly smooth fields. Nicer than the Taylor coin. States equivalent to that piece. This is a rare variety, missing from sales of the Norweb, Oeshsner, and Garrett collections, as well as the ANS Collection. The Pine Tree Sale specimen, Lot 104, had full legends and was well struck, and is probably the finest known. Apart from the Taylor coin, we can account for the condition of only one other piece, a very worn specimen in a private New York State collection. Here is a prize for the advanced collector of Connecticut coppers.

1787 16.5-p Wht. 156.0 Grains. Fine. Localized Weakness At "CON" On Obverse. Smooth Chocolate Brown. Few Old Scrapes Counterstamped "P.T" In A Prepared Rectangular Punch With Serrated Borders 6Known. Robert Martin Collection.

Dick August Collection Nov 4,1999
1787 16.5-p Good. Some light pitting on central obverse. Light matte surfaces..

16.5-p

To: stevengfrank@comcast.net

Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2005 6:38 AM

Subject: (no subject)

Hi Steve
Check out EB # 8310282810. It has been pulled off . This is probably another case where a price has been negotiated privately. As far as I'm concerned that stinks.
The coin was a 1787 Conn. 16.5-p (rarity 7). There someone that collects Connecticuts that has no scruples. We might as well stop trying to cherry pick.
Just thought I would let you know. I'm just pissed. You might want to let your colonial group know about this incident.

Jim LASARRE

Passing along yet another coin pulled from ebay. I don't collect these so had no idea, but a friend of mine, who is very laid back, is obviously not real happy. No need to comment, because we've all seen it before and have our personal opinions on the subject. I've attached a pic of the coin along with lot 104 from the EAC sale from the ND site...I had to colorize the EAC sale coin to be able to stitch for some reason. I've also uploaded it to the files section in the Steve Frank folder for those who receive daily digest.

Steve Frank <stevengfrank@comcast.net> wrote:

EB # 8310282810

16.5-u DELETE

DELETE 16.5-u

H. C. Miller said that this combination was known only from a single specimen, the unique reverse of which had apparently been recut from die p. Inasmuch as his particular coin cannot be presently located and none other has come to light in the 44 years intervening, we have concluded to drop from our revised check list this reverse u and its combination with obverse 16.5, on the basis that the Miller coin was probably a misattribution of the already listed 16.5-p. This decision was first promulgated by W. H. Breen in 1951. (MAM, P. 50).

SERIAL NO - EE J. ROCK

DELETIONS:

16.5-u -- The coin Miller described is actually a double struck example of 16.5-p. This very coin appeared in the 1975 E.A.C. sale.

DELETE

16.5-u

Combination 16.6 - NN.2 of 1787 has quite a different obverse from 16.5 - n and 16.5 - p, so of course, its designation should not be changed to 16.5 - NN.2 as I erroneously propos-

16.6-NN.2

16.~~5~~6-NN.2 | The writer suggested in 1962, with the concurrence of other interested parties, that obverses 16.6 and 16.5 are identical to one another. Therefore, ~~we dropped Miller's 16.6-NN.2 from the revised check list, and redesignated it 16.5-NN.2.~~

~~16.6 NN.2~~

Possibly Finest Known

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

105 1787. M. 16. 6–NN.2. Nearly or quite R–7. First colon about touches forelock. Rev. Similar to NN.1 but date further left, 1 directly below foot; baseline triple and partly quadruple. **Surfaces with natural variegated brown gloss, suggesting VF,** few shallow manufacturing defects; some details VF, others Fine. **Finest we have seen of this great rarity;** finer than the Dr. Hall or ANS coins. The other in the Bowers list was only VG but went well into three figures; the Mass. Historical Society coin, lot 48, was not fully Good.

$235 (Photo) ($350.–up)

$235

E-AC '75

105

HENRY C. MILLER SALE 'MAY 26-29, 1920

1.40 1896 1787. Cr. 16(6) NN(1).G. to V.G.

.21 2168 1787. ~~G. 19-G. R. 3~~; 16 (6)-NN (2) G. 2 pcs.

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

VF20 OK COLOR NOT BAD BID

$247.50

TAYLOR

2440 1787 Connecticut. M 16.6-NN.2. Draped Bust Left. 138.1 grains. Low Rarity-6. VF-20. Overall grade and sharpness congruent. Light golden brown, with some roughness. No longer R-7, but still somewhat scarce.

From Richard Picker, 1972.

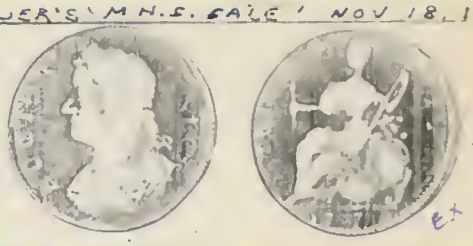
PINE TREE "BROWN UNIV" MAY 21, 1976

526 1787. M. 16.6-NN.2 (nearly R-7). **VF sharpness in regions where best struck up.**

$50-

Lower obv. details quite weak as are those on opposite (lower) region of rev. including date (rev. rotated 180° from normal alignment). Quite irregular Planchet surface with many tiny flaws. Brownish yellow coloration. Sharper in some areas than our 1975 E. A. C. lot 105 (at $235), less sharp in others.

BOWER'S M.H.S. SALE' NOV 18, 1994



EX TUROFF #582

3209 1787 M 16.6-NN.2. Draped Bust Left. F-12. Low Rarity-6. 151.3 grains. Die alignment: 200°. Struck slightly off center on both sides, but only affecting the very tops of INDE on the reverse. Mahogany surfaces display warm golden toning on the high points and some faint, uniform porosity on both sides. An attractive coin for the grade. EX BOWERS 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976 LOT #582

24x

SEE BOWER'S M.H.S. SALE' NOV 8, 1994 LOT #3209
= BOWER'S "TUROFF SALE" OCT 1, 1976

WGT. 151.3 GR

582 1787 Draped Bust Left. 16.6-NN.2 (R-6). Tiny numeral 8 in 1787 date. Very Good. Exceedingly rare. A prize for the specialist. $30-

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" 6-20-91

POSSIBLE FINEST KNOWN MILLER 16.6-NN.2

HESSBERG FINEST

1600-
3500-

Lot No. 1392

D. PARTRICK

1392 1787 Miller 16.6-NN.2 (Low R-6). 165 grains. Draped bust left, some tiny laminations on face, clashed reverse with remarkably bold incuse-reverse CONNEC under ET . LIB. Triple, partly quadruple exergue line over full date with 1 directly under foot. Denticles below date are exceptionally full and figure of Liberty is bold in all details. Marvelous reflective pale tan, Mint State or virtually so. NICE

3,850 00

AU OBV. / MINT STATE REV.

BOWER'S "E. WILLING SALE" JUNE 24-25, 1976

801 1787 Connecticut. Draped bust left. Exceedingly rare variety Miller 16.6-NN.2. Rarity 6 on the Miller scale, the highest degree of rarity. Fine. A great opportunity for the Connecticut specialist.

45-

16.6-NN.2

BOWERS "NORWEB" MARCH 25, 1988

1787 M 16.6-NN.2

Dr. Hall's Specimen

The Second Known at the Time

GRAINY

G 6

NORWEB

200-
200-

2514 1787 Connecticut. M 16.6-NN.2. G-6. Rarity-6–. 141.1 grains. 29.2mm. 185 Very porous, off center on the obverse. In the Norweb inventory books, there is affixed a note in Dr. Hall's handwriting: "M 16.6-NN.2. For many years I have owned the piece of this combination in my cabinet, said piece being in too poor and miserable [condition] to warrant my attempting a description in my printed work. It was purposely omitted from the same. Oct 93 I now find the enclosed duplicate, making only two specimens found and have written in a description in my work published in 1892." $220–

220-

Purchased circa 1913-1915.

BOWER'S 'SACCONE COLL' NOV 6-8, 1989

1787 M 16.6-NN.2

Second Specimen Known to Hall

The Norweb Coin

400-
400-
BOOK

1546 1787 Connecticut. M 16.6-NN.2. 141.1 grains. Rarity-6–. G-6. Very porous, off center on the obverse. This is the Norweb specimen, originally from Dr. Hall's collection. As we noted in our description of Lot 2514 of the second Norweb sale: "In the Norweb inventory books there is affixed a note in Dr. Hall's handwriting: 'For many years I have owned the piece of this combination in my cabinet, said piece being in too poor and miserable [condition] to warrant my attempting a description in my printed work. It was purposely omitted from the same. Oct 93 I now find the enclosed duplicate, making only two specimens found and have written in a description in my work published in 1892.' $220–

440-

From our sale of the Norweb Collection, March 1988, Lot 2514.

BOWERS "MANN-SMEDLEY" SEPT 13-14, 1988

50-
70-

3059 1787 Connecticut copper. M 16.6-NN.2. VF-20 to 30. Rarity-6. 159.4 grains. Golden brown. Rather granular, particularly the obverse. Deep planchet flaw on Liberty's left leg. Die states as Taylor:2440.

$77

MID-AMERICAN "CAPITOL CITY" FEB 15, 1995

4 1787 Connecticut Copper. Very Fine (30/30). Miller 16.6-NN.2, Rarity 6, listed as a "great rarity" in the 1975 Pine Tree Auctions "EAC Convention" sale. Clear legends, and minimal planchet problems. Weakly struck at the date and bust.

$111

DOWNIE-LEACZYK SALE #65 JAN 31, 1986

1787 M 16.6-NN.2

* 2 - 1787. Connecticut. Double struck, Type A (See CNL Page 466). Struck 50% off-center first, then restruck normal. Two-tone medium brown, with smooth problem-free surfaces. VG+. Very scarce and popular. R. MARTIN

$170.50

BOWER'S "ROY HARTE SALE" NOV 16-18, 1997

2026 1787 Connecticut. Draped bust left. 16.6-NN.2. Rarity-6. A very scarce die variety. Very Good.

35-

1787 Draped bust left. 16.6-NN.2 (R-6). Another remarkable opportunity to take your pick of *two* Rarity 6 coins! Very Good $129.00; VF-EF RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APR, 1972 ..... 249.00

RARE COIN REVIEW # 7 SEPT, 1970

1787 Draped bust left. 16.6-NN.2. (R-6). Very Good #7. 9/70. 69.00

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

1787 M 16.6-NN.2 Copper

Condition Census

250-
400-
495

REDDISH VERDIGRIS

5681 1787 M 16.6-NN.2. Rarity-6–. VF-30. Condition Census. 174.1 grains. The heaviest of this variety seen by the present writer. Reverse struck slightly off center affecting only the tops of IND: obverse similarly off center, to the same direction, tops of ORI tight on flan. Nice color, deep golden brown with areas of reddish brown on the reverse. A few minor obverse flaws. Nicer than Taylor:2440; Norweb:2514; Bowers & Merena 9/88:3059; ANS Collection coin. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2440. A prize for the Connecticut specialist.

Ex Harmer Rooke/Million Dollar Sale (5/70): 6113.

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

16.6-NN.2	1787		R7-	Large clip 1:00
16.6-NN.2	1787	VG/F-	R7-	Large pitts both sides
16.6-NN.2	1787	VG1/VG	R6	Vertigris in edge defec
16.6-NN.2	1787	"Dog"		Holed.

16.6-NN.2

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

61) 1787 M.16.6-NN.2 Fine (12-15). Well centered. Light to medium brown with some light surface porosity.

C.N. OCT, 1978 P. 665

NEW NETHERLANDS SALE "L 3RD SALE "B" MARCH 27, 1973

27 **Connecticut.** 1787. Cent. Draped bust, large letters. Miller 16^6-NN^2 (R-7). Good/Very
31 Good, cleaned long ago, centers weak (especially at profile). **Ex. rare,** first we have handled; first auctioned in over 25 years to our knowledge.

16.6-NN.2

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

63 60- 1787 Draped Bust Left M #16.6–NN.2 (R–7) FINE–12, lightly cleaned. Date not struck up.

STACK'S & MASS. HIST. SOCIETY SALE" MARCH 29, 1973

48 1787 Connecticut. Miller 16.6-NN.2. Rarity 6. Draped busl left. About Good;
20- 1 OF 2 PIECES

D. LINETT SALE OCT 16, 1984

78 1787, 16.6-nn.2, Draped Bust Left, R-6, Choice Very Fine+ with minimal planchet problems. The strike is weak at date and bust. Clear legends. $400.

D. LINETT (SAN DIEGO SHOW) OCT 14-15, 1988

1248 **1787 CONNECTICUT** LOT of EIGHT, ~~Includes: (2) M.4-L (Horned Bust) (Fine & VG) - M.11-E (G)~~ - M 16.6-NN.2 R-71 (VG) - ~~M.30-kk.2 (F) - M.32.3-X.4 (G) - M.33.6-kk (F) & M.33.17-r.1 (VG). Sold "as is" as a lot, no return.~~ (8 coins).....(150-250)

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.16.6-NN.2
GOOD, BLACK

MIKE RINGO LIST, SEPT, 1984

5. 1787 Draped Bust Left, M.16.6-NN.2. Very Good to Fine, well-centered with full date and legends on an unimpaired planchet. An R-7 variety.60.00

16.6-NN.2

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2128 **1787 M.16.6-NN.2. Draped Bust Left.** Fine. Low Rarity 6 (traditional). 146.6 grains. Light brown, uniformly granular, reverse rough in places. Reverse off-center to right, date off flan. Once cleaned. Die states as Taylor:2440; ~~1787 M.21-DD. DBL. Good to Fine. Dark brown, evenly granular. Low Rarity 6 (traditional). Short linear flaws both sides. Liberty's head not struck up. Light rim nicks on both sides.~~ 2 pieces.

120 140 154

The rarity ratings for the two varieties seem low at Low R-6; perhaps full R-6 would be better.

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #8 SPRING, 1993

82 1787 Connecticut, Miller 16.6-NN.2. Ranty-6 139.5 grains. Very Good to Fine, more or less equal to the Perkins duplicate in the March Stack's sale. Nearly full legends, though a few letters are weak, about half the date is visible. Rather clean medium brown planchet, with mottled tones of other colors on either side. Better than average condition for this rare issue, we've only handled a few other specimens of the variety in the last half dozen years, none of which have been more pleasing; completely missing from collections such as Oechsner, Roper, and Picker. Norweb had Dr. Hall's coin, which wasn't much better than this; the Hossberg coin was exceptional and easily the finest known. A coin for the Connecticut specialist—we're sure this one will be on a few want lists!.. ..... $129

An interesting note on the changing nature of rarity ratings can be illustrated by this variety. Long considered a R-7, the rarity rating was downgraded to Low Rarity-6 in the Taylor catalogue, and which we also carried in our Revised Rarity Ratings. In the March, 1993 sale of the Perkins duplicates, Michael Hodder has suggested that the variety is a solid R-6, which we have found to be the case.

BOWERS "EDMONTON SALE' MARCH 19, 1993

387 ~~Colonial quintuplet: a 1723 Wood's Hibernia halfpenny (2). One F-12 porous; one G-4, green patina on surface.~~ ☆ 1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 16.6-NN.2. VG-8. 153.3 grains. Low Rarity-6. Faintly porous, reddish tan surfaces with areas of light patina ☆ ~~1787 New Jersey copper. Maris 33-U. F-12. 144.8 grains. Rarity-1. Relatively Mint. Porous dark brown with chestnut on the higher points. ☆ 1798 Massachusetts cent. Ryder-10. F-12. 152.3 grains. Rarity-1. A pleasing deep tan specimen with a small edge bruise at 5:00 reflective to the reverse.~~ (Total: 5 pieces)

220

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

980 **1787 M.16.6-NN.2. Draped Bust Left.** Low Rarity 6. Good, or slightly better. 118.6 gns. Golden brown. Micro granular. Heavy obverse rim flaw at 9:00; second E reverse scratched.

45 110 121

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #4 SPRING, 1991

58. 1787. Miller 16.6-NN.2, Breen 796. Low Rarity-6. Draped Bust Left, large letters, blunt stars. 124.3 grains. Good or so, both sides are heavily porous, which obscures about half the legends on either side. Not a very pretty coin, but, a rare variety that is almost never offered for sale [the only recent record we know of is the VF example in Bowers and Merena's November, 1990 sale which brought $495]; this is only the second example that we have handled.....$79

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1996

15 80 88

142. M25 1787 CONNECTICUT M.16.6-NN.2 DBL (Low R-6) VG8 138.5 gns. An acceptable example with mottled light and medium chocolate brown toning. Both sides lightly granular but reflective. The date is mostly illegible. There is an obverse flaw at the neck of the bust and a dig by the A of AUCTORI. The entire planchet is also slightly bowed. No reverse rotation.

17-g.3

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

DIVISION I.

Crosses in Rev. Legend.

Group A. Crosses on Both Sides

128* 1787. M. 17-g.3. R-4, possibly low R-5. Dashed cross before C; four more on reverse; cracks above AUCTORI and through tops of CON. Some details Very Fine, others a little weaker; variegated brown surface consistent with a VF grade. Usually comes in Good or thereabouts; As fine as we have seen, slightly better than lot 339, New Netherlands, 60th sale, and about like lot 163, Merkin Oct. '73 sale, from the Bowers April 1972 list, earlier ex Miller. (Photo) ($75.–100.)

*Bids accepted by mail only.

$60

EAC'75

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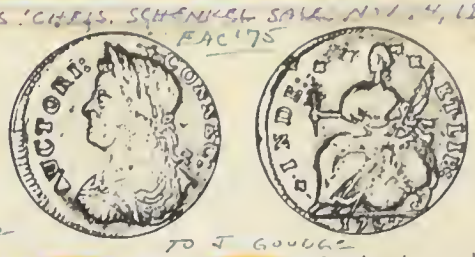
BOWER'S 'CHRIS. SCHENKER SALE' NOV. 4, 1980 EAC'75



302.50 TO J GOULGE

5683 1787 M 17-g.3. Rarity-4. VF-20. 149.9 grains. A second example of this variety. Attractive, semiglossy deep olive. Struck slightly off center on both sides, in the same direction, toward the right. Small rim lamination on reverse. States later than Taylor 2441, obverse die broken under denticles above CTORI; reverse broken above branch tip and second to third punctuation marks.

Ex Pine Tree/EAC (2/75) 128 AT $60.00

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1787 M.17-g.3 #9504? HALL_SHUMWAY,1919.
(F15) EXTREMELY FINE?

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

MEDIUM BROWN VF 25-30 OK

REV. BETTER THAN PLATE

$247.50

K TINY RIM BRUISE

TAYLOR

2441 1787 Connecticut. M 17-g.3. Draped Bust Left. 163.4 grains. Low R-4. VF-35, overall. Medium to dark brown. Obverse surface smooth and free from striations; reverse a little darker and rougher, partly a result of rust. Early obverse die state, no cracks above the letters in the legend.

OECHSNER COLL. SEPT 9, 1988

NICE VF

65-
220-

OECHS'NER

Lot No. 1086

R. MARTIN

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.17-g.3
EXTREMELY FINE
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION

1086 1787 Miller 17-g.3. Draped bust left. (Low R-4). 167.1 grains. Very Fine, the reverse slightly off-center. Medium brown and olive, smooth surfaces.
$242-

COIN GALLERIES SALE' NOV. 9, 1982

1297 1787 Draped Bust Left. M.17-g.3. Crosses in legend. Very Fine, smooth light brown surfaces. 110-
110.00 LIGHT SCRATCH

STACK'S "ROBISON SALE" FEB 10, 1982

131 1787 Draped Bust Left. M.17-g.3. Crosses in legend. Dark brown with lighter highlights. Very Fine. OK
$120-

KAGIN'S SALE #313 SEPT 29-30, 1978

1646. 1787 M 17 g 3 (R 4). Cross before "C" in CONNEC. 4 crosses on rev. Very Fine-30, some areas a bit weaker planchet flaw below bust. Lt brown, clean surfaces. Usually only found below VG condition. 150 60-

17-g.3 HALL-BAREFORD →

17 1787 Draped Bust Left. ~~Unattributable~~ because of a dramatic double strike, the second 50% off-center. Straight edge at 6 o'clock as this planchet was cut from the end of the strip of copper. Medium brown and a curious double error. Very Fine.

STACK'S "BAREFOOT SALE" OCT 22, 1981 → R. MARTIN →

Ex New Netherlands, October 25, 1951 Private Treaty. (Formerly from the Hall and Brand Collections.) WHT. 148.9 GR.

$230-

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988

41 1787 Draped Bust Left. Miller 17-g.3. Medium brown with excellent surfaces despite the reverse die rust. Very Fine. $88-

OK VF 20

SEE "McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN" & GRIFFIN SALE' OCT 21, 1995 LOT 73

17-g-3

COIN GALLERIES SALE' AUG 20, 1986

1356 1787 M.17-g.3 (High R-4). Crosses in legends on both sides. Good, full legends, weak date; two-tone brown coloration.
11-

STACK'S "N. BRYANT" Lot No. 3? FEB 2, 1973

52 1787 Connecticut. DOUBLE STRUCK AND PARTIAL BROCKAGE. One of the most curious errors we've ever seen. It is difficult to imagine how this could have occurred, but it is our guess that the coin was first a 50% off-center brockage, and was then refed into the press for the second striking, leaving only part of the first striking visible. The variety is 17-g.3. Very Good. The planchet is granular with no important flaws or damage. $180 —

ROSA AMERICANA FPL# 8 SPRING, 1993

84 1787 Connecticut, Miller 17-g.3, another. 135.5 grains. Very Good Weak at the lower obverse/upper reverse, though all of the legends and the date are complete Dark brown surfaces, slightly rough but free of any damage or defect. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in the left obverse field, obviously in Miller's scrip. This was the only other example of the variety offered in the Miller collection—we're pleased to be able to offer them both to the collecting fraternity! A pleasing, damage-free example of this scarcer variety, made more desirable by its illustrious pedigree TO R. MARTIN $79 $49

Lot # 2114 of the Miller collection sale

PINE TREE "GENA '76 SALE" OCT 1, 1976

24 1787. M. 17-g.3 (R-4, possibly low R-5). F-VF Rich brown surfaces, slightly off center so that bottoms of figures in date are off the flan. Sharper than our 1975 E.A.C. coin which we said then was as fine as we have seen. See E.A.C. lot 128

PINE TREE 'FUN '78' JAN 6, 1978

21 1787 M. 17-G. 3 (R-4, possibly low R-5). F-VF. Rich brown surfaces, slightly off center so that bottoms of figures in date are off the flan. Sharper than our 1975 E.A.C. coin which we said then was as fine as we have seen. See E.A.C. lot 128.

ROSA AMERICANA FPL# 4 SPRING, 1991

59. 1787. Miller 17-g.3, Breen 803. Low Rarity-4. Draped Bust Left, small letters, crosses both sides. 138.5 grains. Very Good to Fine, microscopically granular. Full date and legends. An affordable example.....$39

MID-AMERICAN "1986 G.N.A. SALE" MAY 24, 1986

1121. 1787 Miller 17-g.3. Rarity 4. Fine, or better, on a lovely, tan planchet. A miniscule planchet clip is visible at K-3 on the obverse. Although not in high grade, this is much nicer than the usually seen example of the variety.
40

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

981 1787 M.17-g.3. DBL. Low Rarity 4. Very Fine. 137.8 gns. Even, pale golden brown. Fields mostly hard and smooth; centers granular and indistinct in places. Obverse rim flawed around from 9-3:00, short lamination in lower left field. Small gouge on obverse below bust; reverse rim nicked above head. Die states as Taylor:2441.
85 — 150 — 165 00

BOWER'S "MATT ROTHERT SALE" NOV 16, 1983

235 1787 Connecticut. Miller 17-g.3. Draped bust left. Extremely Fine. Rare in this high grade. $110 —

BOWER'S GREENWICH COLL' JAN 24-25, 1991

2032 Selection of Connecticut coppers: ☆ 1787 M17-g.3. F-12. Low Rarity-4 ~~☆ 1787 M30 hh.1. VF-30, porous. Rarity-2 ☆ 1787 M32.3 N.4. F-12, very porous. Rarity-2 ☆ 1787 M33.7-r.2. VF-20. Rarity-1 ☆ 1787 M33.13-Z.7. VF-20. Rarity-6 ☆ 1787 M33.37-Z.9. F-15, flawed. Rarity-4 ☆ 1788 M11-g. VG-8. Rarity-3 ☆ 1788 M16.1-H. VG-8, clipped. Rarity-3.~~ (Total: 8 pieces)
550 00

BOWER'S 'ARNOLD & ROMISA' SEPT 17-19, 1984

633 1787 Connecticut. Miller 17-g.3. Draped Bust left. Fine to Very Fine.
35 — *From our sale of the Turoff Collection.*

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

583 1787 Draped Bust Left. 17-g.3 (R-3). Fine. 17.50

SAN DIEGO SHOW (D. LINETT) JAN 22, 1988

413 1787 CONNECTICUT, M 17-g.3, Draped Bust Left, R-4, About Fine. Medium to dark brown. The surfaces are mostly smooth and somewhat glossy..... (45-75)
20

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

LOT # 2430 17-g.3. Crosses in obverse and reverse and legends, as on all to follow. 151.7 grains. Low R-4. Sharpness of F-12, overall. Golden brown, with greenish highlights on the reverse;

1 OF 5 PIECES

BOWER'S "ARNOLD & ROMISA" SEPT 17-19, 1984

631 ~~Group of Connecticut coppers: 1787 Miller 14-H, Mailed Bust left. Arrows at date;~~ 1787 Miller 17-g.3. Draped Bust left; ~~1787 Miller 19-g.4. Draped Bust left, 1787 Miller 29.2-N. Draped Bust left.~~ Average Fine to Very Fine. A ~~nice quartette!~~ (Total: 4 pieces) 121 —
121 —

BOWER'S 'ANA SALE' AUG 10, 1989

1031 1787 Connecticut copper. M 17-g.3. 161.4 grains. F-15 to VF-20. Dark golden brown. Clear planchet cutter marks visible on both sides. Top of the obverse flawed. Obverse state later than Taylor:2441, cracked over CTORI. Usual reverse state, a crack connecting the right serif of T to the hyphen below, as Taylor:2441.
110 —

BOWERS 'SCOTT SALE JUNE 5, 1975

80 ~~Group of Connecticut coppers: (1) 1785 mailed bust right. Miller 6.3-G.1. Fine;~~ (2) 1787 mailed bust left. ~~Miller 4-L. Horned Bust variety. Early state of the die with crescent-shaped die break in field. VG;~~ (3) 1787 draped bust left. Miller 17-g.3. Fine; ~~(4) 1787 draped bust left. Miller 31.2-r.3. Fine. Weakly struck.~~ (Total: 4 pieces) 110 —
110 —

1787 Draped bust left. 17-g.3 (R-3). Very Good $15.00; Fine $23.00; VF-EF, the Miller Collection coin RCR#14. APR, 1977. . 59.00
→ SEE EAC'S SALE LOT # 128 2 10 15

BOWER'S 'P. WILLIAMS' SEPT 27-29, 1979

1295 ~~Additional~~ 1787 Connecticuts. ~~Each has~~ draped bust facing left: (1) 17-g.3. R-4. VG-8, porous; ~~(2) 18-g.1. R-4. Fine-12; (3) 19-g.4. R-2. VG-8; (4) 20-a.2. R-4. VG-8, porous; (5) 21-DD. R-4. Good-4.~~ (Total: 5 pieces)

17-g.3

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION)

17-g.3	1787	VG/VG	R4	Partial brockage; double
17-g.3	1787	VG/VG	R4	5% off center. Numerous
17-g.3	1787	EF-/EF-	R4	5% off center strike.
17-g.3	1787	VG-/VG-	R4	Almost a "dog" use for
17-g.3	1787	VG-/VG-	R4	Worn
17-g.3	1787		R4++	
17-g.3	1787		R4++	
17-g.3	1787	F-/F-	R4++	Even wear both sides
17-g.3	1787		R4++	
17-g.3	1787		R4++	
17-g.3	1787		R4++	
17-g.3	1787	"Dog"		

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17-G.3 9462 (8) VERY GOOD (8)
9416 (10) VERY GOOD (10)
9504 (15) FINE (15)

ANA MUSEUM, 1989

1787 Copper VG 8.97g 180° Miller 17-g.3 (R3)

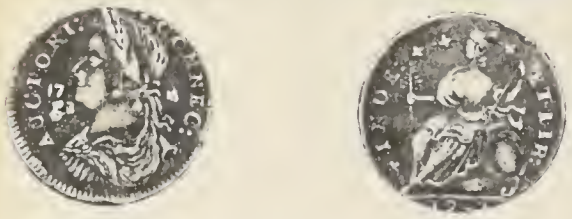
HARMER ROOKE MILLION DOLLAR SALE PART I, 1969

131 — Draped bust l. Crosses in legends. M. 17-g³. Fine, dark patina, struck about 1/12 off center so that the most of the date is off planchet. Scarce, and this type of striking is rare.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

62) 1787 M.17-g.3 Very Fine (20-25). Smooth Dark chocolate brown fields with devices highlighted. Slightly off center resulting in the bottom of "87" in date to be struck off flan. Two very tiny rim cuts at 2 and 5 o'clock on reverse. *

63) 1787 M.17-g.3 Very Fine-25. Smooth medium brown. Slightly off center resulting in bottom half of date to be struck off flan. Insignificant rim bruise at 11 o'clock on obverse. White ink attribution in left obverse field. (No Provenance)



1787 M 17-G.3: Group I, Cross ornaments

'COIN GALLERIES' PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

2645 154 VF 1787 M 17-g.3. DBL. R-4. 158.6 gns. Technically Extremely Fine, sharpness of Choice Fine. Softly struck in the centers and top of reverse. Even, deep orange tan. Minor granularity on both sides. Struck slightly off center, engaging tops of CONN and most of date numerals. Later obverse state, the die broken under denticles from point of bust to rim above I; reverse perfect. VF OKT COLOR REV. OFF-CTR

L. MERKIN SALE' OCT 31, 1973

163 25 — 1787 Miller 17-g.3, Rarity 3. Abt. VF. Well centered on a nice smooth planchet Light clip at about 11 o'clock. Planchet flaw above the date. Light even wear.

NEW NETHERLAND'S 60TH SALE DEC 3-4, 1968

339 14 1787. Draped bust l., punctuated with crosses. M. 17-g³ (Rarity 3). Cross before CONNEC only. Fine or better; tan gradating to brown and steel. Uneven strike, date partially obscured by planchet flaws; minutely granular and porous, particularly upon obverse. 1 OF 2 PIECES, OTHER 19-g.4

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #3, 1990

46. 1787. Miller 17-g.3, Breen 803. Low Rarity-4. Draped Bust Left, small letters, crosses both sides. 143.5 grains, 28.0mm. Very Good, evenly granular, though the only loss of detail is Ms. Liberty's head. The date and legends are full. A clean example of the variety.....$39

HARMER ROOKE 'MILLION DOLLAR SALE' NOV 17, 1969

131 — Draped bust l. Crosses in legends. M. 17-g³. Fine, dark patina, struck about 1/12 off center so that the most of the date is off planchet. Scarce, and this type of striking is rare.

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

64 15 1787 Draped Bust Left M #17-g.3 (R-4) VERY GOOD-10, pleasing although slightly dark.

PAUL KAGIN LIST, APR, 1984

1787 DBL M 17-g3 Rarity 4 Scarce Cross before C in Connec Light brown marl planchet flaw as struck Very fine obverse Extremely fine reverse 135.00

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

LOT # 2512 M 17-g.3. F-15. Rarity-4-. 157.0 grains. 28.3mm. 170°. Orange brown. Several old reverse scratches. Later obverse state than Taylor: 2441, with rim crack over CTO.
1 OF 10 PIECES NORWEB

KAGIN'S LIST, SEPT, 1981

1787 CONNECTUCUT M.17-g.3. Rarity-4 VF-25 ..... 250.00

17-g.3

SEE STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1998 LOT# 247
BOWERS 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990
1179 1787 Connecticut copper. M 17-G.3. Draped Bust Left. 155.2 grains.
$88 Rarity-4–. VG-8. Golden brown, with reddish obverse fields. Traces of old and inactive verdigris in places. Uniformly granular, minor rim dents. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2441.
Ex Elder's sale of the Henry Miller Collection, May 1920, Lot 1897; to Ryder. Ticket and envelope accompany this lot. Called "Very Good" by Ryder. TOO ROUGH

HENRY C. MILLER SALE 'MAY 29, 1920
.45 1897 1787. Cr. 17-G. (3). VGood.
.16 2114 1787. ~~G. 16 (1)--M. (2)~~; 17-G.(1). G. & VG. 6 pc.

STACK'S SALE MAY 13, 1982
55 ~~1786 M.3.5 B; 1787 M.14 H, M.B.L., arrows at date~~, 1787 M.17-g.3, D.B.L.; ~~1787 M.39.1 h.1, D.B.L., AUCTOBI. All are~~ Very Good to Fine. Lot of 4 pieces. 100—

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST AUG, 1981
39 1787 Draped Bust Left, M.17-g.3. Very Fine, smooth light brown surfaces 175.00

A-MARK LIST #1 DEC. 1972
1787 M17 g3, R3, Extr mdy Fine ? $69.00

NORMAN PETERS LIST, OCT, 1980
17.g.3, R4 VG/F LIGHT EDGE NICKS $15.00

DANA LINETT (EAN) LIST, JUNE, 1982
17-G.3, R-3, Very Fine, Draped Bust Left 135.

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990
5390 1787 Connecticut copper. M17-g.3. Draped Bust left. 156.7 grains. Rarity-4–.
44.00 F-12. staple scratch on obverse. Deep golden brown. Obverse state later than Taylor:2441, die cracked through denticles above CTO.
Ex Ryder Collection. Henry Chapman stock envelope accompanies this lot. TO R. MARTIN

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990
5391 1787 Connecticut copper. M17-g.3. Draped Bust left. 151.1 grains. Rarity-4.
33.00 VG-8. rims dented on both sides. A second example of this variety.
Ex Hays; Ryder Collections. Hays ticket accompanies this lot, together with U.S. Coin Co. auction envelope. Called "Poor" by Hays.

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

150-
160-
5682 1787 M 17-g.3. Rarity-4. VF-30. 151.0 grains. Light golden brown.
176.00 Obverse clip at 5:30. Surfaces lightly porous and granular. States later than Taylor:2441; obverse cracked over CT, probably further on, but not visible on this piece; reverse die broken over branch & punctuation.

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE NOV 14, 1990
#5670 ☆ M 17-g.3.
495.00 Rarity-4–. VG-8, porous. 138.4 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2441
The ~~first~~, fifth ex Harmer Rooke/Million Dollar Sale (5/70); ~~6115~~, 6131;
1 OF 10 PIECES

SEE BOWERS SALE JAN 7, 1993 LOT# 1006 1 OF 5 PIECES
BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE NOV 14, 1990
#5671 ☆ M 17-g.3. Rarity-4. F-12. 135.5 grains. Ob-
357.00 verse later than Taylor:2441, cracked over CTO; reverse equivalent to the Taylor coin 1 OF 9 PIECES

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE, NOV 14, 1990
#5672 M 17-g.3. Rarity-4–. F-12. States equivalent to Taylor:2441, without crack
330.00 on obverse over CTORI 1 OF 6 PIECES

KINGSWOOD 'DARTMOUTH SALE' FEB 20, 1991

112.50
6572 1787 Connecticut copper. M 17-g.3. Rarity-4–. VF-20. Attribution number painted in the left obverse field in light yellow. Dies axially misaligned accounting for the striking softness at the upper right portion of the obverse and the lower right portion of the reverse

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991
1393 1787 Miller 17-g.3 (R-4). 142 grains. Draped bust left, one obverse quatrefoil, four in reverse legend. Dark brown fields, tan reliefs. Very Good. TOO CONTRASTING

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992
336 Desirable trio of 1787 Connecticut coppers: ☆ M 17-g.3. Draped Bust Left.
143.00 F-12. Rarity-4. 144.0 grains. Late state of the obverse die, with plainly evident crack through and above CONNEC. Smooth golden brown surfaces ☆
1 of 3 pieces

ROSA AMERICANA FPL#6 1992
37 1787 Connecticut, Miller 17-g 3 Low Rarity-4 134 7 grains Nearly Fine Full legends and date Struck on a very clean planchet, free of any damage or defects An attractive, lower grade example of the variety or type $34

COIN GALLERIES MAIL BID SALE FEB 10, 1993
2082 1787 ~~M.8-N. Very Good, dark brown, granular. Rarity~~
99.00 4; ~~M.14 H. Rough Fine. Green and gray brown. Rarity~~ 4; M.17-g.3. Very Fine, reverse "X" cancelled, verdigris spots. Low Rarity 4. 3 pieces.

WHT. 137.8 GRAINS
1787 M.17-g.3 Very Fine(25-30). Nice light brown color and surfaces.
A-TERRANOVA 9/81 - R. MARTIN 11/88 - M. RINGO

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL#5 SUMMER 1991
30. 1787 Miller 17-g.3, Fine, evenly granular, though with full legends and date. Attractive light brown $19

17-g.3

COIN GALLERIES 'PERKINS II APRIL 14, 1993

1979 **1787 M.17-g.3. DBL.** Fine. Low Rarity 4. 142.1 gns. Golden brown. Very granular, reverse pitted. Hairline break at rim over CTO; **another.** Very Good/Fine. 157.4 gns. Dark and golden brown. Relatively smooth surfaces. Reverse scratch through branch. Uncertain obverse state; **1787-M.19-g.4. DBL.** Fine. Rarity 3. 146.5 gns. Golden brown. Scratched on reverse. Die failing above date; **1787-M.22-g.2. DBL.** Technical Fine. Low Rarity 6. 136.6 gns. Dark and golden brown. Granular, heavy reverse flaw. Cleaned. Later die states; **1787-M. 24-g.3. DBL.** Very Good. Rarity 5 (corrected). 137.9 gns. Brown. Very granular. Uncertain states; **1787-M.26-a.1. DBL.** Very Good. Low Rarity 6. 136.1 gns. Nice even golden brown. Problem free and smooth obverse; reverse scratched. Obverse perfect; reverse clashed around periphery. **6** pieces. 2 PIECES

49.50

The first, ex George D. Hatie Sale (Bowers and Merena, August 3, 1983, part of lot 124); the fourth and last, from Robert Vlack in 1984, ex his second collection.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

134 **1787 Connecticut coppers,** all save the last MBL. **M.4-L.** Another. Sharpness of Choice Extremely Fine, roughened in places, verdigris spots both sides. 120.7 gns. Full obverse "horn" break; **M.5-P. R-6** (underrated, probably really High R-6). IN DE. Basal/Very Good, holed. 101.4 gns. Miller number in a coarse hand on obverse; **M.9-D.** R-5 (underrated, probably really R-6). Very Good/Fine, obverse clip 12:30. 115.7 gns.; **M. 11.2-K.** R-3. Choice Very Fine, flawed, reverse clip and rim dents. 140.3 gns; **M.12-Q.** R-5. "1787/1887", IN DE. Strong Fine, flawed. 110.5 gns.; **M.17-g.3. Draped Bust Left.** Low R-4. Technically strong Fine to Very Fine, quite granular, old obverse scratches. 152.2 gns. **6** pieces.

55 / 300 / 530

McCawley & Grellman C4 SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

160 / 310 / 331.00

143. M26 1787 CONNECTICUT M.17-g.3 DBL (Low R-4) VF25 148.9 gns. A fairly common variety that becomes much tougher above the VF20 level. This has a lovely obverse and a decent reverse. Light chocolate brown, the obverse problem free but for a few trivial contact marks. Also with a relatively hard semi-glossy surface. The reverse is similar except there are a number of small patches of microscopic porosity scattered across it. Reverse rotated 345 degrees. Ex-Stack's 4/88 lot 41. Ticket included. EX. STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988

COIN GALLERIES 'PERKINS II, APRIL 14, 1993

1987 **Balance of the collection,** consisting of 1787 and 1788 varieties, all heavily flawed, dented, holed, or scratched. Grades range from basal to Fine. An interesting lot for the die state enthusiast. **1787-M.16.1-m.** Rarity 4; **M.17-g.3.** Low Rarity 4; **M.28-m.** Rarity 4; **M.31.1-gg.1.** Rarity 3. Large hole; **M.33.13-Z.7.** Rarity 6; **M.33.16-Z.15.** Rarity 3; **M.33.19-Z.2.** Rarity 3 (traditional, probably too low); **M.33.32-Z.19.** Rarity 2; **another; M.33.43-hh.2. ET LIR.** Low Rarity 6. Curious and intriguing incused STAT on reverse to right of head; **1788-MBL. M. 7-E.** High Rarity 5; **M.12.2-E.** Low Rarity 6 (traditional, probably too low); **M. 13-A.1.** Rarity 5. **13** pieces.

137.50

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #8 SPRING, 1983

CONDITION CENSUS
1787 MILLER 17-g.3
FROM THE MILLER COLLECTION

83 1787 Connecticut, Miller 17-g.3. 146.9 grains. Low Rarity-4. Very Fine. Well struck, especially for a variety that often comes weak. Full legends, about half the date visible due to centering. A beauty of a coin, with clean, somewhat glossy chocolate brown surfaces that are free of any sort of damage or defect. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in left obverse field, in Miller's scrip—one of only two examples of this scarce variety that was contained in his huge collection (and we've got the other one below, in the next lot!). The 1975 EAC sale offered a piece said to be from the Miller collection, but which did not have any painted attribution, and was probably not from that sale. Although this variety is commonly found in lower states of preservation, it is quite rare in choice grades. Indeed, the only finer example that we can recall seeing in recent years was the Taylor coin, a choice VF that sold for $247.50 in a market before the huge increase in colonial prices! This example may just make the tail end of the Condition Census, clustered with a few other VF specimens. A choice example of the variety, and one that the specialist will probably never have to worry about upgrading! $179

The present coin was Lot #1897 in the Miller sale.
The Condition Census appears to be as follows:
1) Colonial Newsletter collection, Choice Extremely Fine, 5% off center.
2) Bowers and Ruddy 11/73, Extremely Fine.
3) Taylor, Choice Very Fine.
4) Oechsner, Choice Very Fine.
5) ANS collection, nice Very Fine.
6) The present specimen, Very Fine, ex Miller.
Several VF specimens appeared with the above two pieces, as follows: NASCA 4/81, Stack's 2/87, Coin Galleries 11/82, Kagin's 10/76, Schenkel and the Picker reference collection pieces.
Lot #1897 of the Miller collection sale.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #9 SUMMER 1994

CONDITION CENSUS EXAMPLE ?
1787 Miller 17-g.3

138 1787 Connecticut, Miller 17-g.3. Low Rarity-4. 137.8 grains. Extremely Fine, fully of that grade level, though with just the faintest striking weakness at the absolute centers as almost always found on the variety. Boldly struck at the peripheries, with full, needle-sharp legends and a full date—all quite unusual for the variety. The coin is a gorgeous light golden brown and is quite hard and glossy in the fields, making for a visually stunning example. The present example is quite high in the Condition Census for the variety and is much nicer than any other example that has appeared for auction in recent years—including EAC '75 [near EF, darker color and called "As fine as we have seen" by Breen], Taylor, Oechsner, Picker reference collection [also EF, but weak], Hessberg, Robison, Schenkel as well as the example offered on out last price list. That last list offered a tentative Condition Census for the variety, which started off with a Choice EF in the Colonial Newsletter reference collection and an EF example in Bowers and Ruddy's 11/73 sale; the present coin has more eye appeal than the latter piece, making it a strong candidate for the SECOND FINEST KNOWN example of the variety. A beautiful example of this variety that is easy enough to find in lower grades but which is prohibitively rare in anything above VF. This'll be a coin that will stay in a specialists' front line collection for many, many years!.....$359

17-g.3

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1998

247 **1787 M.17-g.3.** DBL. A second. 155.2 gns. Very Good, some areas sharpness of Fine. Dark golden brown, with reddish highlights on the obverse and a touch of inactive green verdigris around AUCT. Surfaces uniformly granular, trivial obverse rim dents. This was the **Miller Sale coin.** TO R. MARTIN

60.
130
143

Ex Hillyer Ryder-F.C.C. Boyd Collections Sale (Bowers & Merena, March 28, 1990, lot 1179); earlier, ex Henry Miller Collection Sale (Tom Elder, May 29, 1920, lot 1897); ex Hays Collection. Hays envelope and Ryder's ticket also accompany this lot.

1897

Elder-Miller
May 29 1920

No. 1897
plv

1787 CONN
17
G'-3 R³

Very good.

1787 CONN
17
G'-3 R³

Very good.

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "MAIL BID SALE" JAN 18, 1997

736. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.17-g.3 DBL. LOW R4 F12. 120.8 gns. Medium brown, mostly smooth with some scattered porosity. A few toned hairlines on the reverse. Full clear legends and date.

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "MAIL BID SALE" JAN 18, 1997

737. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.17-G.3 DBL. LOW R4 F12. 139.5 gns. Medium brown with an thin even haze of microscopic porosity. Well centered with no other problems.

EAC SALE APRIL 4, 1998

17	1787	M17-g.3	4	15	12	CONNECTICUT-DRAPED BUST LEFT. Medium brown with smooth surfaces. Some minor planchet striations. Tiny mint clip at 3:00. Tiny rev. bruise at 8:00. Some minor circ. marks. AVERAGE+. $80 —

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

145 1787 Connecticut. Miller 17-g.3. Low Rarity-4. 140.4 grains. Choice Fine, a bit weak at the absolute centers of either side, as struck, but with the legends and date full and sharp. The striking weakness affects the center of the obverse effigy and the top of Liberty's torso, otherwise the piece is strong. The surfaces are a hard and slightly glossy light brown, with some darker color around the peripheries, really quite pleasing. Some insignificant striations on either side do not detract from the overall quality of the coin. A perfect example of the grade, with more eye appeal than many VF coins that we have seen offered in the past. A piece that must be seen to be appreciated, as the coin is much nicer than any description could make it sound.....$79

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

146 1787 Connecticut. Miller 17-g.3, another. 123.2 grains. Good or slightly better. The obverse is off center towards K-5. Most of the obverse legends are visible, while almost none are found on the reverse. Medium brown, the obverse with orangish undertones, indicating the piece is recovering from an old cleaning. Not pretty, but awfully cheap at just.....$12

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 SALE" OCT 12, 1996

278. 1787 CONNECTICUT COIN SEXTET: ~~1787 M.6.1 M MBL (R-4) VG8 104.0 gns. "Laughing Head". Reflective olive brown, even light to moderate porosity, faint X scratched on obverse. WITH (All DBL.)~~ 1787 M.17-g.3 (Low R-4) VG8 150.3 gns. Fairly smooth light olive brown, few scattered small flaws and a large one at reverse rim above INDE which is weak. Some detail of Fine. 1 OF 6 PIECES

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

140 1787 Connecticut, Miller 17-g.3. Low Rarity-4. 156.5 grains. Very Good or better detail, with nearly complete legends and date. Light brown surfaces that are hard but which have a plethora of tiny nicks and a couple of rim dents visible on the reverse, all of which do detract and which are reflected in our price of only.....$18

1787 M.17-g.3 STRONG VERY FINE
DAVE PALMER COLLECTION

17-g.3

McCawley & Greelman 3rd CY Sale Nov 8, 1997

180-
260-
280.00

179. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.17-g.3 DBL (Low R-4) VF20 142.2 gns. A sweet coin, honey brown with glossy, almost hard, surfaces. Struck a bit low on the reverse with a third of the date off the planchet. Obverse center a bit soft as frequently seen. It would be hard not to like this coin.

Stack's Sale "Perkins" Jan 14, 1998

246 1787 M.17-g.3. DBL. R-4 (revised). 148.4 gns. Overall, Fine, some areas Very Fine in sharpness. Light golden brown on both sides, not unattractive. Surfaces mostly smooth and hard, some stray roughness on the usual high points. Remnants of a folded over planchet cutter lip on obverse from 2:00 to 5:30. Reverse slightly off center to the base, upper half of date numerals still on flan. We have seen only 31 and feel the rating should be raised from low R-4.

65/
120/
132/

Obverse broken over CT. Reverse perfect.

17-g.3

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST # 12 SPRING 1997

124 1787 Connecticut. Miller 17-g.3, another. 123.2 grains. Good or slightly better. The obverse is off center towards K-5. Most of the obverse legends are visible, while almost none are found on the reverse. Medium brown, the obverse with orangish undertones, indicating the piece is recovering from an old cleaning. Not pretty, but awfully cheap at just.....$12

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST # 13 SUMMER 1998

189. 1787 Connecticut. Miller 17-g.3. Low Rarity-4. 143.6 grains. Fine, a bit flatly struck as is usually found on the variety, though the legends are full and sharp. Only the tips of the date are still on the planchet. Weak at the centers from the flat strike, though still with most detail there fully of the Fine grade level. Medium brown, slightly dull surfaces, the reverse with a few small spots of a darker shade at the center. Not that bad overall, and certainly an inexpensive example of a scarcer variety at just.....$49

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL # 14 SUMMER 1999

154. 1787 Connecticut Copper. Miller 17-g.3. Low Rarity-4. 102.1 grains. Very Fine in terms of wear received, but struck from an extremely late die state that severely weakens the central portions of either side, causing those details to look more like a Fine grade. The peripheries are clearly stronger, with the legends full and sharp and the date strong. Decent surfaces, very dark brown with areas of a lighter tan that give an attractive appearance to the piece; the reverse has a couple of hairline scratches that have toned down and really aren't all that noticeable, else the piece is quite clean for the grade, and overall attractive. This one is priced at a Fine level because of the die state – you're getting a higher grade and pleasing coin for the price of a lower grade example! Not bad value for your money. $109

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

129 1787. M. 18-g.1. High R-4, possibly R-5. Two plain obv. crosses, EC: crowded into toga. Rev. as last but lower colon dot buried in shield. **Very Fine**, central obv. weaker than remainer, old abrasions not affecting colors (dark brown, lighter on devices). Miller knew none sharp enough to show the final colon after C, which means that this coin requires the listing for obvs. 18 and 19 to be combined—they should be listed as 19.1 and 19.2 in any future revision pending total renumbering. **No auction record in any grade—possibly we have the rarity rating too low.** Significantly the present coin is slightly finer than the Crosby Plate piece! $425 (Photo) ($115.–150.)

$425

'EAC '75'

129

STRONG

18-g.1

BREEN PLATE #803

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PINE TREE "GENA '76 SALE" OCT 1, 1976

25 1787. M. 18-G.1 (high R-4). **F-VF, many details of VF sharpness, others barely Fine. PHOTO.** Dark brown patination with tan relief areas. Only slightly less sharp then the VF E.A.C. coin at $425. Compare with lots 129 and 349, our 1975 E.A.C. sale. 40

PINE TREE 'FUN '76' JAN 6, 1976

22 1787. M. 18-G. 1 (high R-4). **F-VF**, many details of VF sharpness, others barely Fine. Dark brown patination with tan relief areas. Only slightly less sharp then the VF E.A.C. coin at $425. Compare with lots 129 and 349, our 1975 E.A.C. sale.

STACK'S "ROPER" COLL. DEC 7, 1983

246 **1787 Draped Bust Left.** Miller 18-g.1. 139.7 grains. A variety with crosses in the legends, instead of the usual cinquefoils. Very well struck and centered on a relatively defect-free planchet. Light olive and brown surfaces. **Very Fine.** $110-

110-

EX, EAC '75 SALE LOT #129 AS VF AT $425.00

Lot No. 246 ROBERT MARTIN

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

65 1787 Draped Bust Left M #18–G.1 (High R–4) VERY FINE–30, dark, a superb specimen. $120 —

349* **1787.** Draped Busts continued. JARVIS & CO. (June 1, 1787 — unknown date between Sept. 1788 and June 1789). Division 1, Group A: Crosses in legends on both sides. **M. 18–g.1.** Nearly or quite R–5. **Lettering and surfaces** (smooth light brown) **suggest Fine grade**, devices weak enough to require Good to VG. Almost all survivors are weak on devices (compare lot 129). Very scarce and may be full R–5. **(Photo)** **($75.–100.)**

*Bids accepted by mail only.

PINE TREE EAC '75' SALE 2-15-75 75

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1787)

VI. JARVIS & Co., New Haven
June 1, 1787–Sept. 1788

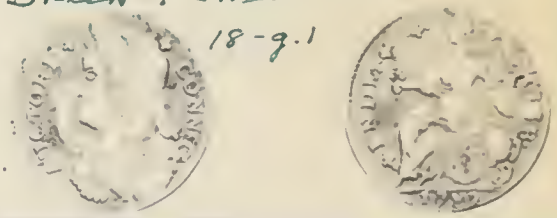
1. Smaller Letters; Crosses in Rev. Legend

SEE PINE TREE SALE 10-1, 1976 LOT #25

803 1787 Crosses in obv. legend. AUCTORI: 9 vars.

BREEN PLATE

18-g.1



BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

OK MED. BROWN COLOR NOT BAD

BID FINEST

$121 —

TAYLOR

2442 1787 Connecticut. M 18-g.1. Draped Bust Left. 135.5 grains. R-4. VF-20, medium to dark brown. Rough in the centers. Very typical obverse bulge before face, seen on most specimens from this combination. Rim clip above head.

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION 6-20-91

DR. HALL FINEST

HESSBERG

800-
1600-

Lot No. 1394

D. PARTRICK

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FEW LAMINATIONS

1394 1787 Miller 18-g.1 (R-4). 155 grains. Draped bust left, crosses or quatrefoils after AUCTOR:, at top of head before CONNEC, whose last C is attached to drapery. Reverse shows four quatrefoils flanked by dots, ET-LIB. in legend. Deep planchet fissure as made, marvelous smooth golden patina with traces of faded mint red. Choice About Uncirculated, close to Mint State.

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection.

1,760

PINE TREE "BROWN UNIV" MAY 21, 1976

521 1787. M. 18-g.1 (high R-4). **Fine**, smooth light brown surfaces.

Devices characteristically somewhat weak. Date and lettering all very plain. Die bulge area in field before king Conn's face. Obv. rim bruised opposite U of AUCTORI. See 1975 E. A. C. lot 129 at $425.

$25 —

BOWER'S 'RARE COIN REVIEW' #14 APR, 1972

1787 Draped bust left. 18-g.1 (R-3). Fair $6.00; Fine #14 .2/72 . 23.00

L. MERKIN SALE · OCT 31, 1973

164 1787 Miller 18–g.1. Rarity 3. VF–EF. Slightly off center. A few minor planchet flaws, otherwise a nice smooth flan. Full date, very little wear. The bulge in the field in front of the face is diagnostic of the die.

40-

PAUL KAGIN LIST, APR, 1984

1787 DBL M 18 g1 Scarce Fine 40.00

18-g.1

STACK'S SALE JUNE 16, 1981

57 1787 Miller 18-g (1). Crosses for punctuation. A nice Fine. Rarity 3-5. $85

SEE STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992 LOT # 218 (PHOTO)

OECHSNER COLL. SEPT 9, 1988

(923) Lot No. 1087

FAIR F/VF FEW HANDLING NICKS

OECHSNER

SEE STACK'S "PERKINS" JAN 14, 1998 # 248

1087 1787 Miller 18-g.1. Draped bust left. (R-4). 120.7 grains. Fine, a couple of nicks on the reverse. Strong date and legends, medium olive green toning.

$121

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.18-g.1
FINE+, FLAT STRIKE

BOWER'S

55-
200-

1787 M. 18-g.1

BOWER'S CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE NOV 12-14, 1990

4119 H CLARKE in a prepared "T" shaped punch on the reverse of a 1787 Connecticut copper, Miller 18-g.1. Brunk 1870, this coin.

$275

TO STEVE TANNENBAUM

2585 H./CLARKE boldly stamped from a prepared logotype punch on the reverse of a 1787 Connecticut Draped Bust left copper, well worn. Quite possibly a blacksmith's logotype or the imprint of an early metalsmith. Another research item.

220-

COIN GALLERIES 'PERKINS II, APRIL 14, 1993

1980 **1787 M.18-g.1. DBL.** Strong Fine, areas of Very Fine sharpness. Rarity 4. 131.2 gns. Even, golden brown. Surfaces mostly smooth and hard. Flaw and partially detached lamination center of obverse. Miller attribution number painted on obverse in faded white lacquer. Even with the flaw a decent coin. Pronounced obverse failure in left field between UCT and chin; reverse die appears perfect.

67%

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION)

18-g.1	1787 VG+/V	R4+	Light strike; ET-LIB
18-g.1	1787	R4+	
18-g.1	1787	R4+	
18-g.1	1787	R4+	
18-g.1	1787 "Dog"		

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18-G.1 696 (4) GOOD (4)
5196 (7) VERY GOOD (7)
9463 (7) VERY GOOD (7)

ANA MUSEUM, 1989

1787 Copper G 9.08g 180° Miller 18-g.1 (R3)

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

64) 1787 M.18-g.1 Very Fine. Some scattered, mostly minor rim bumps, otherwise smooth medium brown. (Isaak Greenwood)

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

584 1787 Draped Bust Left. 18-g.1 (R-3). ET-LIB. VF-EF. One of the finest known examples of this issue.

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BOWER'S 'P. WILLIAMS' SEPT 27-29, 1979

1295 ~~Additional~~ 1787 Connecticuts. ~~Each has draped bust facing left: (1) 17-g.3, R-4, VG-8, porous; (2) 18-g.1, R-4, Fine-12; (3) 19-g.4, R-2, VG-8; (4) 20-g.2, R-4, VG-8, porous; (5) 21-DD, R-4, Good-4.~~ (Total: 5 pieces)

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

LOT # 2430 18-g.1. 130.2 grains. R-4. Sharpness of G-6, lightly struck at the base of the obverse and corresponding reverse portion;

1 OF 5 PIECES

TAYLOR

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

LOT # 2512 M 18-g.1.

P-15. Rarity-4. 127.7 grains. 28.5mm. 170°. Dark brown, well centered. Better eye appeal than Taylor: 2442;

1 OF 10 PIECES

NORWEB

SUPERIOR 'T. CHALKEY' SALE JAN 28-31, 1990

$605

2031 1787. Connecticut Cent. Draped Bust Left. Miller 18-g.1. Rarity-4. Very Fine 30. Exquisite surfaces and color. A top notch specimen.

A-MARK LIST # 1 DEC, 1972

1787 Miller 1 Very Fine $89.00

18-g.1

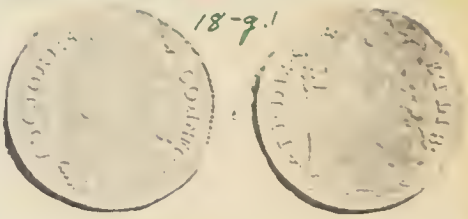
ALL LEGEND LETTERS BASAL CLEFTED | P. 357 C. 357 | 1787 obverse 18 1787 reverse g.1

THE BIZARRE LETTERING OF CONNECTICUT COPPERS

Illustration No. 1
INDE ET LIB from Rev. g.1 of 1787

In many dies, all of the letters are basal clefted, such as in bath the abverse and reverse af cambination 18-g.1 of 1787, with the exceptian, as always, af the raund letters: "C", "O" and "U". (See Illustration No. 1).

CROSBY PLATE (1975)
18-g.1



HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1.10 1898 1787. Cr. 18-G (1). Fine.

.17 2115 1787. C. 18 G (1)--1. (2); ~~19-G (4)~~ G. & VG. 7 pcs.

PINE TREE 'E. MORTON SALE' OCT 18, 1975

546 80 1787. Draped bust left; Jarvis & Co. Mint M.18—g.1 (about R-5); Div. I, Group A VG, date and letters Fine (compare 1;AC lot 129 which brought $425 in VI with no previous auction records). ~~M.34—ff.1 (nearly R-5) Div. I, Group C, VG, somewhat weak, olive brown patina, some granularity (see 1 AC lot 142 at $575) M.39.1—ff.2 (R-6); Div. II, Group C, about G, date legible, very rough surfaces (see 1 AC lot 163 VI at $175) M.37.8-1.1. (R-5) Div. II, Group 3 rold "Company" rev. 1, G to VG, uneven strike (see 1 AC lot 172, nearly 1 at $60)~~ 4 pieces. ($175.-225.)

NORMAN PETERS LIST OCT, 1980

18-g.1, R4 G/VG, THE CROWDED LEGEND VAR. $20.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, FEB, 1984

10. 1787 Draped Bust Left, M.18-g.1. Very Good, surfaces porous from an old cleaning. Full date and legends, R-4..... 20.00

WHT. 134.2 GRAINS

1787 M.18-g.1 Very Good. Steel brown; devices and legends highlighted.

N. PULLEN 5/75 - R. MARTIN 3/84 - J. PATRICK

18-g.1

SEE STACK'S SALE 6/18/81 LOT #57
STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

218 **1787** M.18-g.1 (R-4). 130.2 grains. Crosses for punctuation. Obverse a little soft due to the typical obverse bulge before the face. Glossy light chocolate color, full date and legends. Very Fine or a bit better. F15/VF20

286.00

Ex Stack's Sale, June 18, 1981, lot 57. AT 85.00 GOOD COLOR
JOE PIERVINCENTI - AS NICE FINE

SEE STACK'S SALE SEPT 21, 1994 LOT #29

218

M.R.R.C.A. EAC'91 MIDNIGHT SALE APRIL 28, 1991

Lot 6: 1787 Connecticut, Miller 18-g.1, Rarity-4. Fairly advanced bulge [die failure] before jaw and throat. Many details Fine, devices weaker; some artificial red around letters. Much of the weakness is as struck. Light tan, smooth. **35/65, Tanenbaum**

COIN GALLERIES "PICKER REF COLL" JULY 22, 1992

2646 Three 1787 DBL coppers. **M 18-g.1.** R-4. 143.4 gns. Very Good/Fine. Golden brown. Heavy obverse flaw at edge over RI. Miller attribution number painted in white on obverse. Late states: obverse bulge before face more pronounced than Taylor:2442, another forming under CTO; thin reverse rim cud by foot, now; ~~**M-19-g.4.** R-3. 146.2 gns. About Very Fine. Dark golden brown. Heavy edge dent reverse at 6:30. Late states: obverse broken base of T to forehead, cud forming near eye; reverse failing above date; break connects last three date numerals;~~ **Another.** ~~144.9 gns. Fine, centers soft. Both sides granular, dark brown. Date indistinct. Struck from the perfect states of both dies.~~ 3 pieces.

73.00
G/VG

ROSA AMERICANA FPL#8 SPRING, 1993

85 1787 Connecticut, Miller 18-g.1. Rarity-4. 143.4 grains. Very Good to Fine, a bit weak at the lower obverse and the top of the reverse, though affecting none of the legends, which, with the date, are bold and sharp. Somewhat glossy medium brown planchet, the fields a bit darker than the devices. Only the most trivial circulation marks, as expected for the grade. A scarcer variety, much more difficult to find than its brothers 17-g.3 and 19-g.4, and almost always seen in lower grades. $27

1787 18-g.1 Wht. 130.1 Grains. Abt. Unc. Cleaned. Small Diagonal Lamination Across Ribbon Ends. Mike Ringo Stock 1993.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 21, 1994

Lot No. 29

$220.00

29 **1787 M.18-g.1. Draped Bust Left.** R-4. Very Fine, or a bit better. 130.2 gns. Glossy light chocolate color.

Ex Stack's Sale (January 1992), lot 218; earlier, ex Stack's Sale (June 1981), lot 57.

BOWER'S "COMMODORE PERRY SALE" JAN 5, 1995

It is entirely possible that Perry found some of his colonial coins, particularly the state coinages of Connecticut and New Jersey, in circulation during the early and mid part of the 19th century.

396.

569 **1787 Connecticut copper. M 18-g.1. Mailed Bust Left. VF-30. Rarity-4. 142.7 grains.** From an early state of the obverse die, with bulge before face barely evident. A few scattered marks and just a hint of porosity on uniform medium brown surfaces. An attractive coin.

From the Commodore Matthew C. Perry Collection.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

145 **1787** ~~**M.12-Q.** "1787/1887," IN DE. Another. Fine, flawed, off center. 116.7 gns.; **M.13-D. MBL.** R-4. Strong Fine but rough and bent slightly. Miller number in a faded fine hand on obverse. 106.8 gns.; **M.14-H. MBL.** R-4. Strong Fine, cleaned. 107.1 gns.; **M.16.1-m. DBL.** R-4. Very Good/Fine, reverse flawed. 164.7 gns; **M.16.2-NN.1. DBL.** R-5. Very Good/Fine, granular. 148.1 gns;~~ **M.18-g.1. DBL.** R-4 (underrated, possibly R-5 or 5+). About Fine/Very Good. Miller number in a coarse hand on obverse. 129.2 gns. 6 pieces.

50.
300.
330.

ROSA AMERICANA FPL#4 SPRING, 1991

60. 1787 Miller 18-g.1, Breen 803. Rarity-4. Draped Bust Left, small letters, crosses both sides. 141.6 grains. Very Good, some areas weaker as struck. Attractive darker brown planchet with lighter highlights; several ancient hairline scratches can be found on either side, though they all blend in well with the toning. Although always listed as of the same general rarity as the 17-g.3 [above] and the 19-g.4 [below], this variety is almost never seen at auction or available on fixed price lists—its rarity may have to be adjusted slightly upwards in the future. Quite difficult to find in any grade.....$39

STACK'S SALE 'BOYD - RYDER JUNE 6, 1994

18-g.1

1787 MILLER 18-g.1

Technical High Condition Census

400-
400-
440-
BOOK

Lot No. 55

OK/NICE XF

55 **1787 M.18-g.1. Draped Bust Left.** R-5 (or High R-5?). **Extremely Fine,** surfaces and color of a higher grade, we are strongly tempted to call this nearly About Uncirculated. 133.5 gns. Even, deep orange-tan. Obverse fields clear, hard; reverse fields a bit grainy. Both centers soft and not struck up, insufficient planchet metal available to fill the dies. Nicely oval. Hall attribution number painted on the obverse. Technically this is a **High Condition Census** coin: of the 15 we have seen Hessberg's was the nicest followed by this in second place, then the Ford Primary coin at About Extremely Fine, in turn followed by Oechsner's and other VF's. This coin deserves a good and appreciative home!

Annotated round card ticket with circle H accompanies this lot. Card notes "From Dr. H. bot (i.e., bought) from Frossard Oct/93."

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3rd C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

UNDERRATED 1787 CONNECTICUT M.18-G.1

465-
600-
660-

180. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.18-g.1 DBL (R-5) VF35 139.8 gns. A variety that has garnered increasing respect with the passing years. Michael Hodder raised the rarity rating of it in cataloging an example for Stack's 6/94 sale, lot 55. That coin had lovely surfaces and was called "Technical High Condition Census" but was flatly struck with detail basically comparable to this. Grading for this variety has also evolved in recognition of the shallow detail it typically displays. The Oechsner coin, called Fine for that sale, in 6/94 was listed as VF. In cataloging the 75 EAC sale Breen noted that "Miner knew none strong enough to show the final colon after C". He also stated "No auction record in any grade - possibly we have the rarity rating too low [*then called High R.4*]". By almost any standard this is an unusually nice example of this variety, showing little true wear and original surfaces, and may well be in the condition census. Light chocolate brown and glossy, with a subtle darker ring at the back of the obverse head and a shallow dig. The surfaces are smooth with a few scattered striae, and there is one reverse pin scratch from the rim at 1:00 to the base of Liberty's branch arm. Struck low on reverse with date partial.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FILL #14 SUMMER 1999

A HIGH CONDITION CENSUS MILLER 18-g.1

An Unrecognized Rarity in the Series

155. 1787 Connecticut Copper. Miller 18-g.1. Rarity-5 (probably High in that level). 139.8 grains. Extremely Fine, somewhat flatly struck at the centers, an absolutely typical occurrence for the variety and common to all examples that we have records of. While the central details look more like a VF coin, the peripheral strike and color and surfaces clearly show it to be at least in EF condition – the original luster arguing for a grade high in that level! The legends are bold and sharp on either side, the date about half off the planchet. Extremely choice golden brown surfaces that are hard and VERY glossy, clearly toned down from original mint luster. There is a darker toning ring at the obverse effigy's head. The surfaces appear nearly perfect to the naked eye, but a few scattered hairline striations can be seen with a glass, and there is an ancient hairline scratch on the seated figure's bust – all toned down to the color of the coin, and not the least bit distracting. High in the CONDITION CENSUS for the variety, the only ones that were nicer overall were the AU Hessberg coin (which had a deep planchet flaw but still realized $1760 in that low market) and the EF/AU piece in Stack's June, 1994 auction. Everything else has been in distinctly lower grade – VF's were in the EAC '75, Roper, Taylor and Oecshner sales (later in the third offering of the Perkins duplicates). Norweb's graded Fine, as did the piece in Stack's January, 1992 sale, while the Picker Reference Collection coin was just VG/F. The ANS has a VF coin that has some light rim bumps, while the piece in the Colonial Newsletter Foundation is just a VG. An exceptional example of variety that has been notoriously under-appreciated by collectors – being sandwiched between two varieties that are somewhat readily available in middle grades (17-g.3 and 19-g.4), collectors may have mistakenly assumed that it was also fairly easy to find. Such has not been the case, and we notice that the variety was completely missing in ANY grade in many major sales and dealers price lists. A great opportunity to acquire a choice example of a rare variety – BEFORE more Condition Census research is done on the series and it becomes clear just how unusual a piece like this is (and we all know what happens to prices when that information becomes common knowledge!)..... .....$999

18-g.1

In Stack's sale of June, 1994 Michael Hodder raised the rarity rating of this variety to R-5, which may actually be a bit on the low side. In his cataloguing of the EAC '75 sale, Walter Breen called the variety a High R-4, but noted that there was "no auction record in any grade – possibly we have the rarity rating too low." Given the paucity of recent auction appearances in any grade level, we are comfortable with a High R-5 rating, and wouldn't be surprised if further research shows it to be closer to the R-6 level

STACK'S SALE "PERKINS" JAN 14, 1998

248 **1787 M.18-g.1.** DBL. High R-5 (revised). 120.7 gns.
500/
800/
550
Very Fine. Nice, even pale golden brown on both sides, the color uniform. Both surfaces relatively smooth and hard save for minor patches of roughness as usual on the central high spots. Minor planchet disturbances before the effigy's nose on the obverse and Liberty's throat on the reverse. Otherwise, a thoroughly representative example and one near the bottom of the Condition Census for the variety. EX OECHSNER #1087

Ex Herbert M. Oechsner Collection Sale (Stack's, September 8, 1988, lot 1087).

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

19-g.4

130 1787. M. 19-g.4. R-2. possibly R-3. Similar obv., C: well away from toga fold. Rev. Similar, lower colon dot impaled on a projecting extra outline of shield; immediately recognized by its bulge and shattering cracks near date. **Sharpness better than Very Fine, surfaces suggest Extremely Fine with traces of faded mint lustre around letters.** Attribution on face—almost gone. Rich warm brown, nicely mottled. Latest die state we have seen the obv. severly rusted. **Finest we have seen,** far superior to the "VF-GF" Bowers April 1972 list piece, or the Merkin or New Netherlands 60th or ANS coins; no other auction records in recent decads. Believed to be ex Dr. Hall, Brand. **(Photo)** **($75.–100.)**

$140

$1.40

*Bids accepted by mail only.

'EAC' 75'

130

BOWERS 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

$60.50

TAYLOR

2443 1787 Connecticut. M 19-g.4. Draped Bust Left. 141.4 grains. R-3. VF-20, for sharpness. Dark and rough, obverse die heavily rusted across one-third of its surface. Old, old scratches on the reverse. Despite the die rust on the obverse, and early state of both dies: no squiggle-shaped break before the effigy's face; just the hint of a bulge beginning on the exergual lines above the date. The date is full, unaffected by the later developing bulge. Compare this specimen with the Pine Tree plate example for the first and last stages of the reverse die.

BOWER'S RCR #14 APRIL, 1972

1787 Draped bust left. 19-g.4 (R-2). Fair $4.00. Good $7.00. Very Good $13.00; Very Fine $35.00; Extremely Fine, uncommon in this state of preservation 102.00

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

150-
280-
308.00

TO T. TERRANOVA

5684 **1787 M 19-g.4. Rarity-3. VF-35.** 144.8 grains. Small planchet cutter clip at 1:00 when viewed from the obverse. Planchet cutter marks on obverse from 7:00 to 12:00. Pleasing, even, rich golden brown, surfaces somewhat glossy. Reverse minor striations. Nicer than Taylor 2443. States later than the Taylor coin; obverse field breaks below OR; reverse die sinking on tops of 787, broken through bases of those numberals.

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5392 1787 Connecticut copper. M19.1-g.4. Draped Bust left. 137.1 grains. Rarity-3. VF-20, dark, rough, porous. Old reverse verdigris. Die states later than Taylor:2443: obverse broken in field before face; reverse tops of 787 sinking.

33.00

Ex Ryder Collection. Envelope enclosed. Hall number on envelope. Graded "Very Good" by Ryder.

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 22, 1992

3123 1787 M.19-G.4. Very Good. CONNEC and parts of AUCTORI visible; ETLIB on reverse partially missing. Deep green and brown toning. UGH!

11.00

COIN GALLERIES SALE, MAY 25, 1988

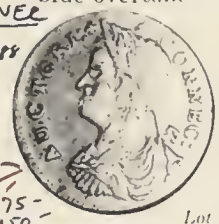
1542 — 1787 Miller 19-G4 (R-2). Good, deep brown. Clear date and legend. "X" pin-scratched on the obverse.

38.50

1089 1787 Miller 19-g.4. Another. 137.2 grains. **Fine.** Late die state with die chips in the field before the face and a large die bulge at the top of the date and the ground line. Light brown with touches of blue overtone

$121

OECHSNER COLL. SEPT 9, 1988



D. PARTRICK OK/GOOD COLOR VERY FINE NICKS NOT IMPORTANT

Lot No. 1088

75-
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TO - D. PARTRICK OECHSNER

OECHSNER COLL SEPT 9, 1988

Lot No. 1089

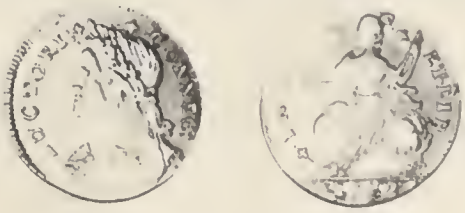
100-
110-

OK F/VF

OECHSNER

1088 1787 Miller 19-g.4. Draped bust left. 154.7 grains. **Very Fine,** soft strike at the centers and the bottom of the date off the flan. Several small nicks. Medium olive brown toning. Generally glossy.

$165



TO R. MARTIN

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988

Lot No. 42

OK XF

42 1787 Draped Bust Left. Miller 19-g.4 Old white ink identification. The obverse very sharp, the reverse weak in the upper left quadrant Dark brown with very few planchet flakes. **Extremely Fine.** $330 –

19-g.4

BOWERS "E.M. SAUNDERS" NOV 9-11, 1987

3024 1787 Connecticut. M 19-g.4. Rarity-3. VF-20, light golden-brown. Sharper than Taylor:2443. Early die states, as the Taylor coin 99.00

STACK'S "T.H. ALLEN" FEB 4, 1977

35 1787 Miller 19-g.4. Draped bust facing left. One of the varieties that uses crosses and dashes for ornamentation. A perfectly centered and sharply struck coin on a nice smooth planchet. The bulge (normal for this variety) on the reverse weakens the top part of the date. A lovely iridescent medium brown. Extremely Fine. $80

Jarvis & Co.

PINE TREE "FUN '77" JAN 8, 1977

12 1787. Draped bust, crosses in legend. Group A: Crosses both sides. M. 19-g.4; cf. EAC:130. Not rare as a variety, but extremely rare as a double strike; two dates visible, one impression about normal, the other about ⅓ off center. Good or better, some obv. details VG. Similar double strikes of different varieties have been bringing $300 to $400 in any grade. (Photo)

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PINE TREE "GENA '76" SALE OCT 1, 1976

26 1787. M. 19-g.4 (R-2, possibly R-3). Very Fine; striking weaknesses render some regions only Fine. Brown patination. Enough off center so that top of Ms. Liberty's head just touches rim, but date and legends are all on flan. See 1975 E.A.C. lot 130. $70

PINE TREE "FUN '78" JAN 6, 1978

23 1878 M. 19-G. 4 (R-2, possible R-3). Very Fine; striking weaknesses render some regions only Fine. Brown patination. Enough off center so that top of Ms. Liberty's head just touches rim, but date and legends are all on flan. See 1975 E.A.C. lot 130.

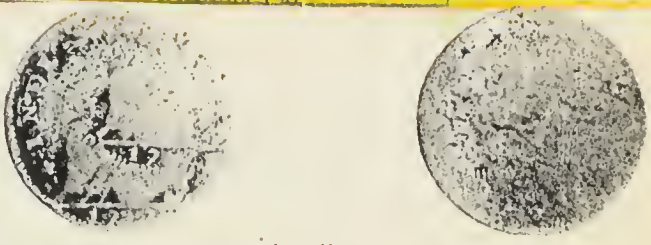
NUMISMATICS LTD LIST BEVERLY HILLS, CA. MAY, 1985

CC002 1787

Connecticut Cent. OBV-19

Double struck.

19-g.4 325.00



Lot No. 182

MAYFLOWER "STEARNS COLL" DEC 2, 1966

182 1787 Draped Bust left. Obverse almost smooth with features very faint. Reverse features clear. Entire coin double struck. First strike centered on Planchet, second strike shifted a full fifty percent to center of coin. Both dates very clear. This coin is definitely a major error and worth $44

COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 22, 1977

1193 Connecticut. 1787 Copper. Double Struck. Obv. Smooth; Rv. Fair with two clear dates. "Ex Stearns Sale" 1966. Interesting. 25

NEW NETHERLAND'S 44TH SALE JUNE 23, 1954

50 Freeks. 1787, Droped bust L, M. 19-g4. A splendid double struck piece in E Fine condition, distinctly showing two heads upon the obverse. Even light brow color. ~~In addition, two examples of brockage; 1787, Obv. M. 31¹-, and 178 Rev. M. r¹-, both displaying incuse impressions of the obverse upon the revers Last pair about V. Good~~. First unusual and highly attractive. Ex Green col at a total cost of $28.50. 3 Pcs. 12.50

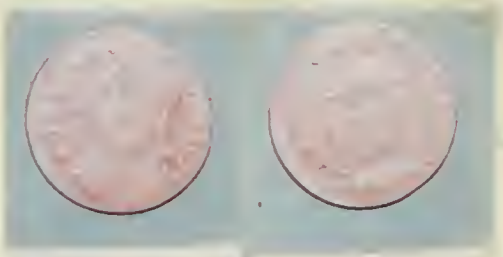
$467.50

BOWER'S 'MILTON COHEN' JAN 24-26, 1985

2320 Connecticut brockage. Brockage of 1787 Connecticut obverse No. 19 (normally combined with reverse die g.4), in this instance displaying the obverse in the normal fashion, and the "reverse" in the form of an incuse impression of the obverse. This was caused by striking a normal 1787 19-g.4 copper, failing to eject the struck coin from the dies, inserting a blank planchet on top of the already-struck coin, and striking again. Brockages, which occur throughout the coinage spectrum, are among the most spectacular of all mint errors.

The presently-offered coin grades Very Fine and has pleasing brown surfaces.

TO R. MARTIN



STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

M. RIAGO DR. HALL

1395 1787 Miller 19-g.4. 151 grains. Draped bust left, two quatrefoils; reverse presents four quatrefoils, die bulge over 87 of otherwise bold date. Light reflective tan, two deliberate scratches placed on each side by some vandal of the past. About Uncirculated. AU SCRATCHES 308.00

Ex Fr. Thomas Hall collection.

HESSBERG

KAGIN'S '344TH SALE' AUG 23-24, 1987

3649 1787 Connecticut. Miller-19-g.4. Fine to VF. The date is obscured by a die break, plus raised metal, a fact not mentioned by Miller $71.50

STACK'S SALE JAN 31, 1969

[illegible] 1787 Miller 19-g.4. Rarity-2. Draped bust facing left with crosses for punctuation. Another excellent VF coin, well struck and well centered, with all details sharp and clear. The bulge on the reverse is diagnostic for this variety. Extremely Fine. A very lovely medium brown. $52.50

COIN GALLERIES SALE AUG 20, 1986

1357 1787 M 19 g.4 (High R 2). Good, deep brown, legends, date and devices clear. A thin "X" pin scratched on head 11

19-g.4

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION)

19-g.4	1787	R2+	
19-g.4	1787	R2+	
19-g.4	1787 EF+/E	R2+	Small planchet defect each side
19-g.4	1787	R2+	
19-g.4	1787	R2+	
19-g.4	1787 "Iroa"		

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
19-G.4 5205 (10) VERY GOOD (10)

ANA MUSEUM, 1969
1787 Copper VG 9.41g 180° Miller 19-g.4

STACK'S 'STEINBERG SALE' OCT 17, 1989
92 **1787 Miller 19-g.4.** Late die state, "squiggle-shaped" pair of lines before the face, and the die bulge on lower reverse has wiped out the bottom of the shield, the ground line, and most of the date. Centered, with all legends complete. Light to medium brown with glossy surfaces. **Very Fine.**
$198 OK VF 30 LATE DIE STATE

* 1572 - 1787. Connecticut. (Maris 19-g.4). Fine, pleasing lt brown $77
DOUNIE-LEPCZYK SALE # 78 DEC 16, 1989

BOWER'S "ARNOLD / RUMISA" SEPT 17-19, 1984
631 ~~Group of Connecticut coppers: 1787 Miller 14-N. Mailed Bust left.~~ ~~Arrows at date, 1787 Miller 17-g.3. Draped Bust left;~~ 1787 Miller 19-g.4. Draped Bust left; ~~1787 Miller 29.2-N. Draped Bust left.~~ Average Fine to Very Fine. ~~A nice quartette!~~ (Total: 4 pieces) 121

KAGIN'S 'VAN CLEAVE' JAN 30, 1986
4013 ~~Three Connecticuts.~~ 1787 Miller 19.g.4 in strong Very Good with die break through the date, and reverse flan flaw through head of Liberty; ~~1787 readable but AG-3; and 1788 Miller 16.3-N in bare Very Good. Useful pieces.~~ (Total: 3 pieces.)

NEW ENGLAND 'FUN SALE' JAN 7, 1982
7 1787 Connecticut Cent, Draped Bust Left, M.19-q4, R-2, FINE-12, light brown devices, darker fields exhibiting light porosity. Small rim dig on reverse at 8 o'clock. Characteristic weakness above date, caused by die failure in that area of the die. (Page 39 of the Guide Book)
27.50

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.19-g.4
VERY FINE+ (SHARP VF 35)

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985
65) 1787 M.19-g.4 Very Fine. Early die state with no break at date. Some light planchet striae. Medium brown.
66) 1787 M.19-g.4 Extremely Fine. Late die state. Struck about 10% off center to 6 o'clock resulting in tops of seated figures head and "ET" in ET LIB being off flan. Smooth mottled medium brown. One tiny defect under reverse shield. (No Provenance)

L. MERKIN SALE' OCT 31, 1973
165 1787 Miller 19–g.4, Rarity 2. Abt. VF. Weakness in striking at about 11 o'clock on the reverse. The obverse is very sharp, as is the balance of the reverse.
36

NEW NETHERLAND'S 60TH SALE DEC 3-4, 1968
FINE+ K Also, M. 19-g[4] (Rarity 2). Crosses l. and r. of wreath on head. Same grade; interestingly mottled light and darker brown. Bold, but smooth surfaces compromised on the obverse by several tiny pit-like defects and some really faint scratches on bust. Last ex Boyd. 2 Pcs.
LOT # 339 $14
1 OF 2 PIECES, OTHER 17-g.3

NEW NETH 'NUMISMA' AUG, 1954 VOL. 1 NO. 3
892 1787. Draped bust (as ore all following). M. 19-g[1]. Fine or so. Obverse imperfection. $1.40

COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 22, 1989
LOT # 1250 1787 Miller 19-G.4 (R-2) Good Clear date. X pinscratched on the obverse ~~2 pieces~~ $23.10
1 OF 2 PIECES

NEW NETHERLAND'S 59TH SALE JUNE 13-15, 1967
384 1787. Draped Bust left. ~~M. 16-n (R-3) and~~ M. 19-g[1] (R-2). ~~Good and~~ Very Good. ~~The first is on a slightly thick planchet,~~ the second unevenly struck. 2 Pcs. $10

19-g.4

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

84 1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 19-g.4. Draped Bust Left. Rarity 3. 122.9 grains. Fine or so. Very uneven strike, with the high points of the obverse, and most of the upper left quadrant of the reverse poorly struck. The details that are there, as well as the glossy ebony surfaces, suggest a grade closer to Very Fine. Painted die variety in the obverse field, though not in Miller's script. A somewhat scarcer variety, completely unknown above Very Fine.....$79

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

66 1787 Draped Bust Left M #19-g.4 (R-2) VERY GOOD-8, minor corrosion and slightly bent; ~~Draped Bust Left M #20-a.2 (High R-4) FINE-12, deep planchet pit at shoulder~~. (Lot of 2 pieces). $25 -

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

585 1787 Draped Bust Left. 19-g.4 (R-2). ET-LIB. F-VF. $20 -

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

LOT # 2430 19-g.4. 134.5 grains. R-3. Sharpness of F-15, slightly off center to the top of the obverse. Date obscured by die bulge. Golden brown; 19-g.4. 141.6 grains. R-3. Sharpness of VG-8, very porous. Dark. Earlier state than the last. Numerals in the date clear, bulge beginning just above date. (~~Total: 5 pieces~~)

2 OF 5 PIECES TAYLOR

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

LOT # 2512 M 19-g.4. F-12. Rarity-3. 148.4 grains. 28.4mm. 235°. Dark brown, with iridescent green highlights. Obverse and reverse off center. Early die states, no reverse bulge over date; faint obverse break before effigy's face;

1 OF 10 PIECES NORWEB

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1.80 1906 1787. C. 19-G (4). R. 3 V.Fine.

.75 2168 1787. C. 19--G. R. 3 ; ~~18 (6) NN (2)~~ G. 2 pcs.

.17 2115 1787. ~~C. 18-G (1) -1. (2)~~; 19--G (4) G. & VG. 7 pcs.

MCLAUGHLIN & ROBINSON SALE JAN 27, 1988

12 1787 M 19G.4 DRAPED BUST LEFT R3 10% OFF-CENTER SO DATE IS MISSING, CHOICE OLIVE TAN, NICELY STRUCK, BULGE OVER DATE AREA, SQUIGGLE BREAK UNDER "IN" - NICE VF25

BOWER'S 'MILTON COHEN' JAN 24-26, 1985

2319 ~~Pair of~~ 1787 Draped Bust Left Connecticut coppers: Miller 19-g.4, Good; ~~Miller 33.1 ff.2, ET-LIR mispelling. Very Good or better~~. (Total: 2 pieces)

STACK'S 'N. BRYANT SALE' FEB 2, 1973

38 1787 Connecticut. Miller 19-g.4. About ¼ off center; ~~Miller 20-m. ¼ off center, Very Fine, bold strike; M.Hh-33.2 (R-Hed) 1/8 off center~~ Good. 3 pieces.

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1227 1787 ~~M.16.1-M. Draped bust left. Good. Medium glossy brown planchet~~; M.19-g.4. Very Good, light porosity; ~~M.24-g.3 (R-4). Good but very weak strike, especially on the reverse. A diagonal pinscratch on the reverse; M.30-hh.1. "ET-LIR" variety. Very Good, corrosion spots~~. 4 pieces. 60 50

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1226 1787 ~~M.16.1-M. Draped bust left. Very Good. A large dig on the lower obverse~~; M.19-g.4. Very Good, minor planchet faults; ~~M.22-g (R-5). About Good, heavily encrusted due to earth burial; M.25-b. Very Good, reverse porous; M.30-hh.1. Good but porous, with reverse pinscratches~~. 5 pieces. 264

C.V. MCCAWLEY LIST #19 OCT/NOV, 1988

1707 CONNECTICUT M.19 g.4 VF25 DRAPED BUST LEFT $ 105.00 Glossy light brown and tan. Problem free. Worlds better than the corroded Taylor specimen.

KAGIN'S 339TH SALE AUG 15, 1985

84 ~~Pair of 1787 Connecticuts, (1) the popular CONNEC variety, quite brassy in color in a full Fine, listed in Miller as 43.1Y. This variety, although relatively common, commands considerable premium because of the jumbled legend. A specimen did appear in the EAC Lot 372~~, (2) 1787 Miller 19.G-4. See, for instance, the EAC sale Lot 130, in VG, rated an R-2. A quite desirable pair of cents. (Total: 2 pieces). 33 -

HIM, INC SALE NOV 4, 1983

75 1787. Group of 7 Pieces. $71.50

71.50 ~~M.11.2-K (R-4). AG, heavy reverse corrosion; M.19-g (R-2). medium brown VG-F; M.33.19-Z. 1 (R-1). brown VG+; M.33.7-s.2 (R-1) 3 pcs. Good; type of M.33.7-Z. AG, scratched.~~

BOWER'S "SPRINGFIELD COLL" DEC 15-18, 1981

5000 Three 1787 draped bust left Connecticuts: (1) M.37.1-CC.1, one of the ET LIR varieties. Fine. (2) M.19-g.4. Fine-VF; (3) M.33.37-Z.9. Fine, few light marks. (Total: 3 pieces) 120 -

BOWERS "E. M. SAUNDERS COLL" NOV 9-11, 1987

3011 ~~Selection of Connecticut state coppers. 1785. Miller 3.1-L. Rarity-4. F-12, scratched and flawed~~; 1787. M 19-g.4. Rarity-3. F-15. pronounced roller marks. Later state of the dies than Taylor:2443; ~~M 30-hh.1. Rarity-2. VF-25, dark, with some old reverse scratches. Nevertheless, a nice-looking copper; M 33.32-Z.13. Rarity 2. F-15, early die states, another. F-12, also early obverse and reverse states.~~ (Total: 5 pieces) 176 176.00

BOWER'S 'P. WILLIAMS' SEPT 27-29, 1979

1295 ~~Additional~~ 1787 Connecticuts. ~~Each has~~ draped bust facing left: ~~(1) 17-g.3. R-4. VG-8, porous; (2) 18-g.1. R-4. Fine-12~~; (3) 19-g.4. R-2. VG-8; ~~(4) 20-a.2. R-4. VG-8, porous;~~ (5) ~~21-DD. R-4. Good-4~~. (Total: 5 pieces)

NASCA "KESSLER" APRIL 28, 29, 1981

2231 1787-1788. Group of 5 Different Varieties.

60 ~~1787. M.19-g.(R-2) VG-F, dark fields, striated obverse flan, clear date; reverse (and some obverse) verdigris pitting. 1787. M.31.1-gg 1. (R-3.) cleaned VG. 1787. M.33.2-Z.12. VG, both sides peppered with small digs. 1787. M.33.7-S.2. VG, planchet defect at 6:00 obverse on shoulder and on matching 12:00 reverse. 1788. M.10-C. Fine, planchet defects at left half of obverse & reverse, chunk broken off there.~~ 5 Pcs.

BOWERS "BUCHENBACH-SMITH NOV 10-12, 1986

2718 ~~Selection of Connecticut coppers. (1). 1787. M.4-L. "Horned Bust variety. Fine-12, clipped~~; (2). 1787. M 19-g.4. R-3. VG-8. severe planchet inclusions visible; ~~(3). 1787. M.30-hh.h. "ET-LIR" variety. Fine-12, a cut is noticeable on the obverse. (4). 1787. M.31.2-h. Fine-12, a planchet defect is noticeable on the bust on this piece. (5). 1787. M.32.2-X.2. R-3. VF-20, damaged~~. (Total: 5 pieces) 110 3

PAUL KAGIN LIST, APR, 1984

1787 Draped Bust left M 19-g4. Fine 40.00

KAGIN'S LIST, SEPT 16, 1981

1787 CONNECTICUT M.19-g.4 VF-20 ..... 175.00

19-g.4

SEE ROSA AMERICANA FALL & SPRING 1993 MFL
STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

1787 MILLER 19-g.4

Condition Census - Perfect States

200-
400-

Lot No. 2129

TOO DARK

TO JEFF ROCK

2129 **1787 M.19-g.4. DBL. Extremely Fine.** Rarity 3. 146.6 grains. **Condition Census.** Attractive, even deep olive green. Surfaces remarkably smooth, hard, mark free; just a touch of granularity at upper left reverse. Reverse perfectly centered; obverse off-center slightly to bottom. Planchet flawed behind effigy's left shoulder, a smaller one under Liberty's right elbow. Obverse rim ragged at 9:15, as made. Tiny spot of verdigris below R on obverse. Far nicer than all three Taylor coins, the Norweb and Schenkel sale specimens, and 11 others seen including Oechsner:1088. The Hessberg coin was graded "AU" but was scratched. From the rarely seen perfect states of these dies, with full date and exergual lines. On this variety the later states tend to be on heavier flans while the earlier ones are found with obverses rotated left by about 50 degrees.

440.00

137.50

KINGSWOOD 'DARTMOUTH SALE' FEB 20, 1991

6573 **1787 Connecticut copper. M 19-g.4. Rarity-3.** 150.9 grains **VF-20**, a pleasing pale reddish brown. Some planchet porosity visible, primarily on the reverse. Late reverse state, the tops of the last two numerals of the date obscured by a growing bulge, the result of die failure at that position.

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

#5670 ☆ M 19-g.4. Rarity-3. VF-20. Obverse flawed, planchet cutter clip 9:00-12:00. 133.5 grains. Obverse state equivalent to Taylor:2443; reverse later, heavy bulge over date. 1 OF 10 PIECES

495.00

the sixth ex H. Schulman (1171):683.

D. LINETT (EAN) LIST JUNE, 1982

19-g.4, R-2, Fine, granular " ... 45.

D. LINETT SALE JULY 17, 1984

16 1787, M.19-G.4, Very Good, porous but O.K.... 35.

NASCA "KESSLER" APRIL 28, 1981

ATTRACTIVE GROUP

2230 1785-1787. Group of 5 Different Connecticut Coppers. 5 Pcs.

80-

~~M 4-3-A.2, R-3, VG-F w/reverse punctuation, old Henry Chapman envelope; M 19-G.4, R-2, VF, medium brown, light scratches, M 23-16-Z.15, R-2, functional VF, w/full date and legends, complete outer reverse planchet defects; M 37-1-CC-1, R-1, cleaned VF, full date, light punctuation; M 42-KK-2, R-3, attractive F+, slightly offcenter, with small reverse scuff.~~

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2131 **1787 M.19-g.4. DBL.** Overall Fine. Rarity 3. 143.1 grains. Golden brown, some gloss. Light obverse, heavier reverse flaws. Small rim clips. Later states, T obverse failing, date completely gone now; ~~**1787 M.24-g.3. DBL.** Good overall, 145.8 grains. Dark brown, softly struck at right and in center. Die states intermediate; **1787 M.26-kk.1. DBL.** Very Good-Good. **Rarity 6.** 148.8 grains. Gray-brown. Reverse granular, scratched. Reverse state as Taylor:2455, IND ET nearly gone; **1787 M.26-AA. DBL.** Fine. Rarity 5. Dark brown, reverse center soft. 145.8 grains. A decent, dark brown example. Die states as Taylor:2457.~~ 4 pieces.

130-
240-
264-

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF COLL 7/22/92

2646 Three 1787 DBL coppers. ~~**M 18-g.1.** R-4. 143.4 gns. Very Good/Fine. Golden brown. Heavy obverse flaw at edge over RI. Miller attribution number painted in white on obverse. Late states: obverse bulge before face more pronounced than Taylor:2442, another forming under GTO; thin reverse rim cud by foot, now;~~ **M 19-g.4.** R-3. 146.2 gns. About Very Fine. Dark golden brown. Heavy edge dent reverse at 6:30. Late states: obverse broken base of T to forehead, cud forming near eye; reverse failing above date, break connects last three date numerals; **Another.** 144.9 gns. Fine, centers soft. Both sides granular, dark brown. Date indistinct. Struck from the perfect states of both dies. 3 pieces.

73.00

J. ROCK

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

169 1787 Connecticut copper. M 19-g.4. Draped Bust Left. VF-20. Rarity-3. 137.0 grains. Later state of both dies, with "squiggle" die break in obverse field before effigy's face. Bulge at date fairly well advanced into tops of numerals. Faintly granular surfaces, with reverse sharpness slightly finer than the Taylor coin. A nice representative piece of this popular issue.

58-

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

168 Trio of 1787 issues: ☆ ~~M 17-g.3. Draped Bust Left. VG-8, porous. Rarity-3. 138.2 grains~~ ☆ M 19-g.4. Draped Bust Left. F-12. Rarity-3. 144.0 grains. Late state of the reverse die, with crack and large bulge at date area. Some faint planchet fissures, lightly cleaned long ago ☆ ~~M 26-AA. Draped Bust Left. G-6. Rarity-5. 138.8 grains. Obverse edge clip at 5:00, faint, old obverse scratches also noted.~~ (Total: 3 pieces)

99-
3K.

BOWERS "G.W. POLIS COLL" JUNE 11, 1991

2007 Quartette of state coppers: ☆ ~~1785 Connecticut. Miller 1-1-E.1. F-15 ☆ 1787 Connecticut. M 21-1-gg.1. F-12 ☆~~ 1787 Connecticut. M 19-G.4. VG-8, damaged ☆ ~~1788 New Jersey. Mann-67-v. F-15, damaged~~ (Total: 4 pieces)

BOWER'S C. SCHENKEL SALE NOV 14, 1990

#5671 ☆ M 19-g.4. Rarity-3. F-12. 135.5 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2443 ☆ 1 OF 9 PIECES

367.50

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

#5672 ☆ M 19-g.4. Rarity-3. F-15, once cleaned. 148.9 grains. Obverse as Taylor:2443; reverse later, sunk over date, top of 8 and exergual lines obscured. 1 OF 6 PIECES

33.00

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #3, 1990

47. 1787. Miller 19-g.4, Breen 803. Rarity-3. Draped Bust Left, small letters, crosses both sides. 145.4 grains, 29.0mm. Very Good. Weakly struck, from heavily bulged dies, on a clean, hard, olive-brown planchet; all the legends are present, though a few of the letters are weak.....$34

Very late die state, the reverse bulge has obliterated all but the bottoms of the 87 in the date.

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1978 - R. MARTIN 3/87 - D. MITUZAS

1787 Draped Bust Left, M.19-g.4, (R-2), crosses in legend, Very Fine, well-struck and centered but for usual bulge above date, medium brown with nice surfaces. WHT: 169.7 GRAINS.....55.00

19-g.4

STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

56 1787 M.19-g.4. DBL. R-3. About Very Fine, soft and a bit granular. 146.3 gns. Dark and golden brown. Reverse bulge beginning above date; ~~M.25-b. DBL. R-3. Very Good, very granular, dark ruddy brown. 138.5 gns. Old scratches.~~ 2 pieces.

The first with an otherwise undistinguished round card ticket.

STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

57 1787 M. 19-g.4. DBL. R-3. Strong Fine, reverse scratches. 143.8 gns. Light brown. Reverse rim flawed at top. Perfect die states; ~~M.26-AA. DBL. R-5. Strong Fine, obverse scratches, rim dent. 134.8 gns. Orange tan and somewhat glossy.~~ 2 pieces. J-ROCK

The first with an otherwise undistinguished round card ticket.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

THE HILLYER RYDER EXAMPLE OF MILLER 19-g.4

141 1787 Connecticut, Miller 19-g.4. Rarity-3. 143.8 grains. Very Fine, nearly in the choice category. The obverse is bold, with full, crisp legends and all of the design details expected for the higher grade. The reverse is a trifle weak at the upper left, affecting only the E of INDE and the punctuation there, otherwise the legends and the date are complete and sharp. Attractive golden brown surfaces that have some exceedingly faint striations on the reverse [not even noticable without the aid of a good magnifying glass]. From the extremely rare early die state, before the reverse bulge obscured the date and exergual lines. From the HILLYER RYDER collection, with his round cardboard ticket accompanying the lot. A most pleasing example of the variety, nearly as sharp as the EF Perkins coin we sold on our last list for $499 [with multiple orders], and with even nicer color than that specimen. With the Ryde pedigree, the great color and strike as well as the early die state, this should be a coin that even the most fastidious Connecticut collector would keep in their frontline collection!.....$139

1787 M.19-g.4 Good Overall. Dark brown;devices and legends highlighted. Planchet defect on reverse. 135.8 GRAINS R. MARTIN 6/85 - M. RINGO

1787 M.19-g.4 Good/Very Good. Even wear;no defects. 139.9 GR R. MARTIN

MIKE RINGO LIST JAN. 1990

6. 1787 Draped Bust Left. M.19-g.4. Good. smooth tan surfaces..... 25.00

MIKE RINGO LIST MARCH, 1989

1787 Draped Bust Left, M.19-g.4. Fine, mottled olive-brown coloration, all major details clear. Struck slightly off center..... 50.

MIKE RINGO LIST FEB. 1987

1787 Draped Bust Left, M.19-g.4. Very Good or better, smooth brown flan with a small clip below date. Early reverse die state with no swelling in the date area, and scarce as such..... 25.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, APR, 1984

13. 1787 Draped Bust Left, M.19-g.4. Fine, smooth light brown planchet; late die state reverse with date area buckled..... 45.00

MIKE RINGO LIST DEC, 1984

16. 1787 DBL, M.19-g.4. Very Good, light brown, small obverse defect..... 15.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, MAY, 1985

10. 1787 DBL, M.19-g.4. Very Good, evenly worn with no problems. Early reverse die state with no swelling at date..... 25.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #42, MARCH 1, 1981

18. 1787 Miller 19-g.4. Good-4, R-3. Nice, strong legends. Draped Bust Left. $25

NORMAN PETERS LIST, OCT, 1983

1787 19-g.4 (R2) VG usual rev. die bulge $16.50

NORMAN PETERS LIST OCT. 1980

19-g.4, R2 G. DATE AREA WEAK $9.50, VG ROUGH $9.50, NICE VG$12.50

DICK AUGUST LIST DEC, 1981

47. 1787 Draped Bust Left. VG-F. 19g $30 -

DICK AUGUST LIST, MARCH, 1980

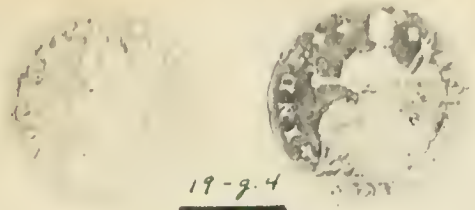
53 1787 Draped [illegible]

64 1787 Draped [illegible] .00

HARMER ROOKE SALE MAY 27, 1970

6124 Conn. 1787 Cent. Draped Bust Facing Left. About FF. PLATE 19-g.4 (65.00)

19-g.4



19-g.4

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STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

982 **1787 M.19-g.4. DBL.** Rarity 3. Very Fine for sharpness. 148.1 gns. Even brown. Surfaces mostly smooth and hard. Rims cut and damaged at 9:00 both sides. From the **Hall Collection.** Die states later than Taylor:2443, chips in upper left obverse field; reverse failing more heavily over date numerals.

65 140 154

Originally from the Dr. Thomas Hall Collection; thence, to Hillyer Ryder, F.C.C. Boyd. Round white card with "circle H" accompanies this lot.

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 SALE" OCT 12, 1996 LOT #214
BOWER'S "COMMODORE PERRY" SALE JAN 5, 1995

121.00

570 **1787 Connecticut copper. M 19-g.4. Draped Bust Left. VF-20 for sharpness.** Rarity-3. 134.3 grains. Struck on a naturally flawed flan, with a crease and lamination at 12:00 relative to the obverse, a flaw that carries over into the date area on the reverse. From a later state of the dies, with squiggle-shaped die break before obverse effigy's face, and with plenty of other small die breaks in various areas.

From the Commodore Matthew C. Perry Collection.

BOWER'S "COMMODORE PERRY SALE" JAN 5, 1995

2239 1787 M 19-g.4. Draped Bust Left. F-15. Rarity-3. 144.8 grains. Attribution painted in left obverse field. Olive-brown color. Some faint, old scratches noted on both sides, and a few tiny patches of patina noted on the reverse Early state of the reverse die, no swelling above date.

77.00

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

149 **1787 M.19-g.4. DBL.** R-3. Good Fine/Very Good. 153.9 gns. Nice olive brown, some roughness on reverse, partial date.

60 120 132

EAN AUCTION (D. LINETT) SEPT 15, 1995

395 1787 CT Copper, Miller 19-g.4, Fine. Rarity 3. Evenly worn and problem-free, with attractive chocolate and tan colorations. This late state of the dies shows a bulge above the date which weakens the tops of the digits. A great-looking, affordable example. ..... (100-125)

EAN AUCTION (D. LINETT) APRIL 20, 1996

47 1787 CT Copper, Miller 19-g.4, Very Good, numerous line scratches, ~~and a 1787 CT Copper, Miller 33.2-Z.12, Fine, some pitting due to old (now inactive) corrosion.~~ (2 coins) .... (100-120)

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

215. 16.00 1787 CONNECTICUT M.19-g.4 DBL (R-3) VG8 150.6 gns. Well centered, varied shades of chocolate on basically smooth surfaces but both sides have numerous old hairlines. Legends strong, date full though weak.

STACK'S / PERKINS COLL. SALE / MARCH 18, 1993

2130 **1787 M.19.g.4. DBL.** Fine, pitted and heavily nicked. Rarity 3 for the dies. **Shift double struck,** faintly on the obverse, **two dates** on reverse! 142.5 grains. Die states uncertain due to surface condition

100 140 154

2130

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 14, 1993

1980 **1787 Draped Bust Left. M.19-g.4** (R-3). Fine. 137.6 grains. Colon and "cross" after AUCTORI, reverse off-center towards top, die bulge over top of date. Pleasing smooth light tan.

71.50

COIN GALLERIES MAIL BID SALE FEB 10, 1993

2083 **1787 M.19-g.4.** DBL. Fine. Rarity 3. 146.3 grains. Dark orange brown, granular. Reverse scratched across. States as Taylor:2443.

66.00

COIN GALLERIES / PERKINS II APRIL 14, 1993

1979 **1787 M.17-g.3. DBL.** Fine. Low Rarity 4 142.1 gns. Golden brown. Very granular, reverse pitted. Hairline break at rim over CTO; **another.** Very Good/Fine. 157.4 gns. Dark and golden brown. Relatively smooth surfaces. Reverse scratch through branch. Uncertain obverse state; **1787 M.19-g.4. DBL.** Fine. Rarity 3. 146.5 gns. Golden brown. Scratched on reverse. Die failing above date; ~~**1787 M.22-g.2. DBL.** Technical Fine. Low Rarity 6. 136.6 gns. Dark and golden brown. Granular, heavy reverse flaw. Cleaned. Later die states;~~ ~~**1787 M. 24-g.3. DBL.** Very Good. Rarity 5 (corrected). 137.9 gns. Brown. Very granular. Uncertain states;~~ ~~**1787 M.26-a.1. DBL.** Very Good. Low Rarity 6. 136.1 gns. Nice even golden brown. Problem free and smooth obverse, reverse scratched. Obverse perfect; reverse clashed around periphery.~~ **6 pieces.**

495.00

BOWERS "M.H.S. SALE NOV 18, 1994

3195 **Selection of 1787 Connecticut coppers:** ☆ ~~M-1-1-A. Mailed Bust Right. VG-8, porous. Rarity-3. 117.8 grains. Edge chip at 7:00 relative to the obverse~~ ☆ M 19-g.4. Draped Bust Left. VG-8. Rarity-3 131.9 grains. Well worn, but still attractive for the grade ☆

1 OF 6 PIECES

170.00

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES JULY 12, 1994

6337 ~~Early copper mix. ☆ 1788 Vermont Ryder 27. Brescett 18W. Mailed Bust Right. VF-20 for sharpness, moderately heavy obverse scratches noted. Low Rarity 2. 136.7 grains. Chocolate brown~~ ☆ 1787 Connecticut. Miller 19-g.4. Draped Bust Left. F-12. uniform light porosity. Rarity-3. 129.2 grains. Natural edge flan flaw at 6:00 relative to the reverse, affecting just the bottoms of the date numerals ☆

1 OF 5 PIECES

236.50

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

139 **1787 Connecticut coppers,** all MBL, all with Miller numbers in a coarse hand on the obverse. ~~**M.6.2-M.** Another. Very Good/Fine, huge cutter clip. 94.9 gns.;~~ ~~**M.8-N.** R-4. Very Good to Fine, off center. 142.9 gns.;~~ **M.14-H.** R-4. Rough About Fine, some heavy edge burrs or old dents. 121.3 gns.; **M.15-F.** R-4. CONNECT. Rough Fine. 99.4 gns; **M.19-g.4.** R-3. About Fine, off center. 133.9 gns. 5 pieces.

180 180 195

19-g.4

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #8 SPRING, 1993

CONDITION CENSUS
MILLER 19-g.4

86 1787 Connecticut, Miller 19-g.4 Ranty-3 146.6 grains From the March, 1993 sale of the Perkins duplicates, lot #2129, where this piece was ably catalogued by Michael Hodder as follows. "Extremely Fine.. Condition Census Attractive, even deep olive green. Surfaces remarkably smooth, hard, mark free, just a touch of granularity at upper left reverse Reverse perfectly centered, obverse off center slightly to bottom. Planchet flawed behind effigy's left shoulder, a smaller one under Liberty's right elbow Obverse rim ragged at 9.15, as made Tiny spot of verdigris below R on obverse Far nicer than all three Taylor coins, the Norweb and Schenkel sale specimens, and 11 others seen, including Oechsner 1088 The Hessberg coin was graded 'AU' but was scratched. From the rarely seen perfect states of these dies, with full date and exergual lines On this variety the later states tend to be on heavier flans while the earlier ones are found with obverse rotated left about 50 degrees." The coin was plated in that sale, and was one of only three Connecticut coppers in the whole section to be deemed important enough for a box around the description. O.K., here's where things get interesting Before the sale, we had estimated that the piece would bring about $750 It actually sold, to us, for $440 (including the buyer's fee) While we would have gladly paid more for the piece, and would have been quite comfortable listing it at $800 or so, we were able to buy it at what we consider a bargain price, and are offering it to you for a lot less than what it could have cost—we feel that it is still quite undervalued at this level! A truly pleasing coin, easily in the Condition Census for the variety, and a piece that will never have to be upgraded by its next owner! $599

The Condition Census for the variety appears as follows

1) The Hessberg coin, About Uncirculated, but heavily scratched

2) Colonial Newsletter collection, Choice Extremely Fine

3) Private collection, Extremely Fine

4) The present coin, Extremely Fine

5) Stack's 2/77 sale, Extremely Fine

6) ANS collection, Extremely Fine, late die state

After this, several VF's are known (EAC 75, EAC 76, Oechsner, Taylor, Schenkel and another ANS specimen)

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

135-
135-
148

214. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.19-g.4 DBL (R-3) VF20 134.2 gns. Milk chocolate surfaces. Light planchet flaws on both obverse and reverse with crease and lamination at obverse rim 12 o'clock. Later die state. Strong legends, no date.
Ex Commodore Matthew C. Perry Collection (Bowers and Merena 1-5-95, Lot 570) AT $121.00 NO TICKET

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

213. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.19-g.4 DBL (R-3) PCGS VF30. Medium brown, glossy planchet. Natural planchet flaw on reverse running through Liberty. Obverse has claim to higher grade. Light granularity joined by minor scratches on reverse lower right quandrant. Full legends. Bottom half of date off coin. Both obverse and reverse well centered. Nice eye appeal. NOT SOLD

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 SALE" OCT 12, 1996

278. 176.00 1787 CONNECTICUT COIN SEXTET: ~~1787 M.6.1-M MBL (R-1) VG8 104.0 gns. "Laughing Head". Reflective olive brown, even light to moderate porosity, faint X-scratched on obverse. WITH (All DBL) 1787 M.17-g.3 (Low R-4) VG8 150.3 gns. Fairly smooth light olive brown, few scattered small flaws and a large one at reverse rim above INDE which is weak. Some detail of Fine. WITH~~ 1787 M.19-g.4 (R-3) VG10 134.6 gns. Deep golden brown, many high points lighter, with microscopic porosity concentrated near rims. Right side of reverse figure weaker. 1 OF 6 PIECES

BOWER'S "SEBRING & GARBE SALE" MARCH 21, 1996

1087. 247.50 1787 Connecticut copper. Draped Bust Left. M 19-g.4. VF. Rarity-3. 147.9 grains. Pleasing tan and free from circulation marks, though a small flan flaw (as struck) is noted at the reverse center

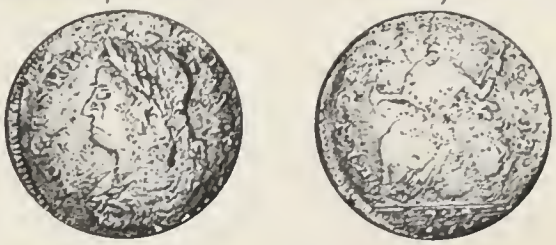
ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

A LARGE STRUCK-THROUGH ERROR!

142 1787 Connecticut, Miller 19-g.4, another. 133.6 grains. Very Fine, boldly struck, with full, sharp legends. From the late die state, with a bulge obscuring the date and exergual lines on the reverse. Sharp design details on either side, a bonus for a variety that often comes weak in the centers. Attractive olive brown surfaces with the fields a slightly darker shade that give an attractive two-tone appearnce to the coin. This coin is also a major error, with the reverse having been STRUCK THROUGH what appears to have been a bent piece of wire. This error is visible on the top of the reverse, cutting through the top of Ms. Liberty's head, but not affecting the obverse side at all, as would be expected for this kind of error. The error was produced when a planchet was fed into the press with a piece of wire adhering to it [or possibly to the die itself]. The coin was struck with the piece of wire carrying part of the impression of the Connecticut reverse [and wouldn't that be a nice find!] and imparting its impression to the finished coin. This is a very rare error in the Connecticut copper series, and is only the second example of the type that we've ever seen. This one should excite the error collector to no end, especially as the coin itself is so pleasing.....$109

19-g.4

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "DOOLEY" JAN 11, 1997



028. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.19-g.4 DBL R3 DOUBLESTRUCK F15. 142.2 gns. Dark chocolate brown and would be smooth except unfortunately the surfaces are now marred by numerous minute digs, any one of which could essentially be ignored were it not for their sheer number. Both sides are significantly double struck, most easily seen at the date but also readily apparent on the obverse legends and elsewhere.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "MAIL BID SALE" JAN 18, 1997

739 1787 CONNECTICUT M.19-g.4 DBL. R3 VF20 133.4 gns. Dark gray brown. Both sides struck to right but legends full. Obverse strong but reverse weak at center and upper left. Reflective beneath fine "scuffing" of the surfaces which is more extensive on reverse.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "MAIL BID SALE" JAN 18, 1997

748. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.19-g.4 DBL. R3 VF20 127.8 gns. Smooth medium to light brown. Some swelling at top of date as usual.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "MAIL BID SALE" JAN 18, 1997

740 1787 CONNECTICUT M.19-g.4 DBL R3 F12 148.8 gns. Smooth medium brown, rather evenly struck with some bulging above the date.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3rd C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

248. UNBELIEVABLE! ANOTHER GROUP OF SIX CONNECTICUT COPPERS! ~~1785 M.6.3-G.1 MBR (R-3) low F12 131.9 gns. Polished, porous. Dig through last digit of date. WITH 1787 M.15-F MBL (R-4) VF20 108.4 gns. CONNECT variety. Hard surfaces. A few planchet striations. Well centered. Strong date. WITH~~ 1787 M.19-g.4 DBL (R-3) VF20 140.8 gns. Reddish brown. Some porosity. New light scratch through obverse. Late reverse die state obliterates most of date.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "DOOLEY" JAN 11, 1997

029. 1787 CONNECTICUT M.19-g.4 DBL R3 VF30 137.0 gns. Dark chocolate and tan. Sharpness EF with slightly granular surfaces. Free of marks or damage.

EAN AUCTION (D. LINETT) SALE JAN 15, 1997

555 1787 CT Copper, Miller 19-g.4. PCGS graded VF-30. Draped Bust Left. Rarity 3. Glossy brown, with above average surfaces and color. Half the date is off the planchet. Much nicer overall than Taylor:2443. (375-400)

STEVE HAYDEN FIXED PRICE LIST #2 OCT, 1996

15 Conn 1787 D.B.L. M.19-g.4 R3 Good+ 134.3 grains Dark surfaces with brown highlights and a number of tiny digs well hidden by toning. Weak date. 40.00

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

148 1787 Connecticut. Miller 19-g.4, another. 141.7 grains. Very Good, possibly a bit nicer since it is from the late state of the dies. Full legends, though a few stray letters are weaker than their neighbors. The date is gone due to the die state, though someone has decided to help out the frustrated numismatist by lightly scratching the impossible date "1783" in that area. Medium brown, some scattered defects on either side. A cheap example of the variety.....$19

From the Mrs. Lillian S. Willins collection, purchased from C. H. Benjamin of Florida in March, 1985, one of the last varieties added to her collection.

19-g.4

M&G 3RD C+ SALE NOV 8, 1997

181. 77-1787 CONNECTICUT M.19-g.4 DBL (R-3) F12 132.0 gns. Very dark brown but with very nice smooth surfaces. Small obverse flaw before the first C, two small reverse flaws at Liberty's torso. As usual the die bulge obscures the date.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C+ SALE NOV 8, 1997

182. 44th 1787 CONNECTICUT M.19-g.4 DBL (R-3) VG8 138.4 gns. Smooth subtle two tone chocolate brown surfaces. Full legends and date as this is from a scarcer early die state. As nice as the grade realistically allows.

61

1787

19-g.4 MISATTRIBUTED AS 21-DD

SUPERIOR'S "DR. RUDY COLL" FEB 11, 1974

61 $390- 1787. Similar. Apparently Miller 21–DD, with die failure at date and crack through bases of numerals. *Double struck*, one of the impressions nearly half off center, *two full dates* visible. Nearly Fine, uneven strike. Extremely rare mint error. Ex Mehl auction, November 28, 1945, lot 2822. PHOTO ALSO EX. SUPERIOR 1975 A.N.A. SALE LOT #17 (PLATE) AUG 19, 1975 AT $1600

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

156. 1787 Connecticut Copper. Miller 19-g.4. Rarity-3. 134.3 grains. Nearly Very Fine. Most details in or quite close to that grade level, others just a tad weaker as struck. This piece has full legends on either side, with rather strong design detail in the obverse bust's drapery. A bit weaker at his hair, which is opposite an area of die swelling on the reverse. This one has a nearly full date – the tops of the final two digits are weak – quite nice, since this reverse die broke rather quickly, and most specimens show little or no trace of the date at all (see the example in the following lot for a late die state coin). Very nice medium brown surfaces, generally hard. A few trivial circulation marks are visible on either side, though the piece is far more attractive than most that we have seen in this grade level. Although a fairly common variety, still difficult to find nice. There simply aren't that many eye appealing middle-grade Connecticut coppers available for under a hundred bucks these days!. $99

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

157. 1787 Connecticut Copper. Miller 19-g.4, another. 127.6 grains. Choice Fine, from an extremely late state of the reverse die, with the bulge at the lower reverse engulfing all but the very bottom of the last digit of the date, extending up to the bottom of the globe and shield and extending up to the final colon in the legend. Other than that, the legends are full and generally strong, the very tips of RI off the planchet due to centering. Good design detail for the grade, clearly of the Fine level. Very pleasing medium brown surfaces that are quite hard; slightly lighter devices and legends add to the appeal of the coin. No damage or defect, which makes for an exceptionally attractive example for the grade – indeed, we have seen many VF examples that don't have this kind of overall eye appeal! $89

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

126 1787 Connecticut. Miller 19-g.4, another. 141.7 grains. Very Good, possibly a bit nicer since it is from the late state of the dies. Full legends, though a few stray letters are weaker than their neighbors. The date is gone due to the die state, though someone has decided to help out the frustrated numismatist by lightly scratching the impossible date "1783" in that area. Medium brown, some scattered defects on either side. A cheap example of the variety.....$14

From the Mrs. Lillian S. Willins collection, purchased from C. H. Benjamin of Florida in March, 1985, one of the last varieties added to her collection.

19-g.4

Connecticut 1787 M.19-g.4
Richard August duplicate
Offered at $850 6/15

19-g.4

20-a.2

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

GROUP II-B

Large Letters, Larger Dates, Crosses On Both Sides

Finest Known

121 1787. M. 20–a.2. R–4, possibly R–5. Two crosses flank wreath, both with dots in angles. Apparently without more than the faintest traces of wear, though unevenly struck; **Extremely Fine would be conservative for this extraordinary coin. Natural light reddish brown gloss, some of it faded from mint color, traces of mint red around letters. Finest known to us,** much better than the ANS coin; the Appleton–MHS coin was only VG. Norman Bryant's still worse, etc. Ex Stepney Hoard. **(Photo) ($250.–350.)**

$270 #270 — EAC 175

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SAN DIEGO SHOW (ANA SALE) MARCH 3, 1990

Pristine Uncirculated 1787 Miller 20-a.2 Cent

BANA LINNETT

4,042.50

2402 **1787 Cent, Miller 20-a.2, Draped Bust Left, ANACS Certified-Uncirculated.** (Rarity-4). Possible the finest known specimen, as we have been able to trace no uncirculated pieces in any recent major auction. The finest we have been able to find was the Taylor specimen graded VF 30 and cleaned. This specimen is certainly a Gem as far as any Connecticut Cent is concerned, even as a type coin. The centering is perfect with the date and all devices squarely on the planchet. Color is outstanding with vibrant frosty cartwheel lustre glowing from the light brown smooth hard perfect surfaces. One cannot find enough glowing adjectives to describe how nice this coin certainly is. One of the finest Connecticut Cents of any variety we have ever had the pleasure of offering and certainly amongst the finest of any variety existent. .....(5000-up)

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

SIMULATED MINT RED? CLEANED?

$154 — TAYLOR

2444 **1787 Connecticut. M 20-a.2. Draped Bust Left.** 141.2 grains. R-4. VF-30 for sharpness, softly struck in the centers as always. Top of Liberty's head barely struck up at all—usually found in this way. Letters cut quite sharply and deeply into the die in the central devices; B in reverse legend lightly cut into the die. Reverse struck slightly off center, bottom portions of the date numerals missing. In terms of sharpness, probably within the Condition Census for the combination.

OECHSNER COLL. SEPT 9, 1988

OK COLOR STRIKE IS A BIT WEAK ON REV. VF/XF 35/40

200–
625—

Lot No. 1090

D. MENCHELL OECHSNER

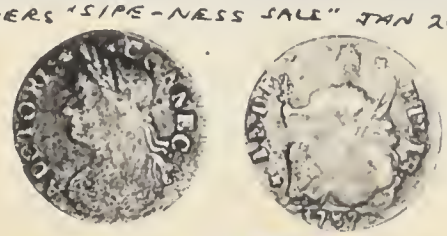
1090 **1787 Miller 20-a.2.** Draped bust left. (R-4). 137.2 grains. **Extremely Fine,** slightly soft at the centers. Olive green and brown toning, glossy surfaces. Well centered, full date and legends; the reverse is substantially sharper than the Taylor coin. Fairly late die state, a die break from the back of the head to the final C, and another connecting the centers of IN on the reverse. Probably in the Condition Census.

$687.50

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #3, 1990

48. **1787. Miller 20-a.2, Breen 802. Rarity-4. Draped Bust Left, large letters, crosses both sides. 140.4 grains, 28.0mm. Very Fine.** Sharply struck with the exception of the top of Ms. Liberty's head [a fate that seems to be common to all known examples of the variety and, at least to this cataloguer, suggests misaligned dies]. Equal to the Taylor coin at $154; similar in appearance to the Oecshner coin at $687.50 [we thought that example slightly overgraded, yet it still brought a healthy price]. Full legends and date and probably within the Condition Census for the variety.....$169

BOWERS 'SIPE-NESS SALE' JAN 26, 29, 1988



384 1787 *Draped Bust Left.* M20-a.2. Very Fine. Lightly defined in the centers, as made. Peripheral lettering exceptionally bold. Light brown lettering and motifs, darker brown fields, giving the coin a highlighted effect. Perfect planchet. $137.50

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

586 1787 Draped Bust Left. 20-a.2 (R-3). Abt. Fine. $20 —

20-a.2

PINE TREE "GENA'76" OCT 1, 1976

27 **1787.** M. 20-a.2 (R-4, possibly R-5). **Very Good.** Uniform wear, everything legible. Glossy brown patinated surfaces. Free of planchet flaws. Refer to 1975 E.A.C. lot 121.

226 **1787 Draped Bust Left. M. 20-a.2** (R-4, possibly R-5). **Very Good.** Uniform wear, everything legible. Glossy brown patinated surfaces. Free of planchet flaws. Refer to 1975 E.A.C. lot 121. Ex lot 27 10/76 **($20-25)**
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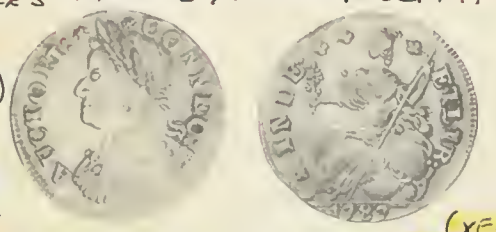
PINE TREE "GREEN III" JUNE 19, 1978 16 00

BOWER'S "ARNOLD & ROMISA" SEPT 17-19, 1984



NICE (40) OK +
$517 –
(XF40)

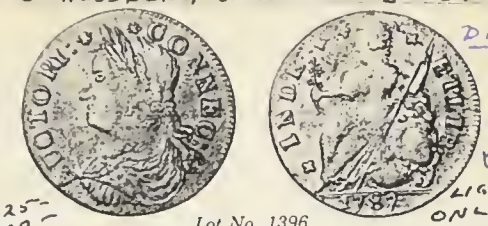
634 1787 Connecticut. Miller 20-a.2. Draped Bust left. Extremely Fine to AU. *An extraordinary* specimen of this issue. Sharply struck with a wealth of detail in all areas. A simply marvelous Connecticut copper.
SEE BOWER'S "MINNING SALE" AUG 31, 1979 LOT #1016

BOWERS "LEE HEWITT SALE" NOV 14, 1984

2743 1787 Connecticut. Miller 20-a.2. Draped Bust left. Very Good. Large planchet flaw near top obverse. Light brown coloration. Scarce variety. R. MARTIN COLLECTION 140.2 GR.
33 –

1787 Draped bust left. 20-a.2 (R-3). Very Good $15.00; F-VF $27.50; Very Fine R.C.R. #14, APRIL, 1972 ..... 39.00

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991



DR. HALL
HESSBERG
LIGHT OLIVE
ONLY XF
BIT DARK
225 –
700 –

Lot No. 1396

1396 **1787** Miller 20-a.2 (R-4). 148 grains. Draped bust left, obverse shows x's with dots in angles, reverse quatrefoils flanked by dashes. Light golden-tan over pleasing strike, full date and denticles below for added appeal. Bold About Uncirculated. ONLY XF SO-SO COLOR
770 00

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection.

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

20-a.2	1787	R4+	
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20-a.2	1787 F+/F+	R4+	Nice overall even wear
20-a.2	1787	R4+	

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
20-A.2 701 (4) GOOD (4)

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.20-a.2
GOOD

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN 1, 1985

67) 1787 M.20-a.2 Very Fine. Smooth medium brown. Localized weakness affecting head on reverse seated figure. *

1787 M. 20-A 2

SUPERIOR'S "DR. RUBY COLL" FEB 11, 1994

60 1787 Draped bust. Large letters. Two crosses in obverse legend, dots in arms. Miller 20-a.2, but unlisted perfect die state. Fine, some details Very Fine, area of weakness at upper right obverse/lower right reverse. Very scarce. Ex Mehl auction, November 28, 1945.
440 –

STACK'S SALE, JAN 31, 1969

1787 Miller 20-a.2 (R-4). Connecticut type. Fine. Very dark color on a small planchet, but without any defects. A scarcer variety and a display item in any fine collection with the variety number on the [illegible] 413 –

20-a.2

NEW NETHERLAND'S 56TH SALE, JUNE 27, 1962

30 Similar pair. ~~One with small numerals~~; the other with dotted crosses obv., hyphened crosses reverse. ~~M. 16² NN¹~~ and 20-a². ~~Fine and~~ Very Fine; ~~first on defective planchet~~, second cleaned some time ago and now beginning to tone. Both scarce, ~~the first R-4~~. 2 Pcs.

24

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

66 1787 ~~Draped Bust Left M #19-g.4 (R-2) VERY GOOD-8, minor corrosion and slightly bent~~; Draped Bust Left M #20-a.2 (High R-4) FINE-12, deep planchet pit at shoulder. (Lot of 2 pieces).

$25

BOWER'S NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1981
LOT# 2512

M
20-a.2. F-12. Rarity-4. 145.1 grains. 28.2mm. 165°. Very dark brown. Liberty's head weak. Die states as Taylor: 2444;

1 OF 10 PIECES NORWEB

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

2445 1787 Connecticut coppers: M 20-a.2. 140.7 grains. R-4. G-4, X-rated; 20-a.2. 139.2 grains: R-4 Good-4, very porous. Old, nearly worn away, attribution number painted on obverse;

2 OF 5 PIECES TAYLOR

HENRY C. MILLER SALE' MAY 26-29, 1920

1.10 1899 1787. Obv. AUCTORI: . . CONNEC :.Rx. . INDE . . ET LIB : C. 20-A (1)-2. R. 4. Fine.

.15 2116. 1787. C. 20--A, ~~also 21-DD~~ (2). G. 3. pcs.

STACK'S 'MASS HIST. SOCIETY SALE' MARCH 29, 1973

49 1787 Connecticut. Miller 20-a.2. Rarity 3. Very Good: 1 OF 2 PIECES

HENRY GARRETT LIST JUNE 18, 1983

1787 M20-a.2,R4+,Rough VF, one of finest known 125.00

STACK'S 'N. BRYANT SALE' FEB 2, 1973

15 1787 Connecticut. Miller 20-a.2 (Rarity 3); ~~Miller 31.1-r.4 (R1); Miller 31.2-r.3(e)~~
21 - Good. A ~~nice little starter group~~. 3 pieces.

STACK'S SALE "PERKINS" JAN 14, 1998

249 1787 M.20-a.2. DBL. High R-5 (revised). 140.4 gns.
10 Fine. Golden brown, somewhat darker in the fields.
80 Quite rough and granular on both sides. Centers very
88 soft, reverse's particularly. Several small rim dents.

Obverse perfect. Reverse state uncertain, due to surface condition

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL#9 SUMMER, 1994

143 1787 Connecticut, Miller 20-a.2. Rarity-4. 127.6 grains. Very Good, the legends and date are full, but the planchet is dark with a very rough obverse and a slightly rough reverse. Generally unattractive, but with good detail. A scarcer variety, and one that just doesn't seem to exist better than VF. Cheap at only.....$19

Many of the Draped Bust left varieties with large letters, Miller obverses 20-29, are much more difficult to find than their rarity ratings would suggest. As a more accurate census is collected, we would not be surprised to see at least a dozen of the 20 varieties jump up one or two levels in rarity!

MIKE RINGO LIST MARCH, 1989

24. 1787 DBL, M.20-A.2. Fine, smooth tan surfaces with no problems. A very nice middle-grade example of this scarce variety..... 75.

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST 1979

1787 Draped Bust Left, M. 20-a.2, (Hi R-4), Very Fine, slightly weak at bust and at reverse figure's head as usual for variety, excellent light brown color and surfaces, an interesting type with large crosses in both obverse and reverse legends.....60.00.

ROSA AMERICANA FPL#6, 1992

38 1787 Connecticut, Miller 20-a.2. Rarity-4. 144.7 grains. Fine or so. Slightly weak at the lower obverse and the top of the reverse, though the legends and date are full (AU of AUCTORI is slightly weak). Attractive medium brown planchet, somewhat glossy. Actually not that bad of an example, as the Condition Census stretches down to low Very Fine. $39

BOWER'S 'P. WILLIAMS' SEPT 27-29, 1979

1295 ~~Additional~~ 1787 Connecticuts. ~~Each has~~ draped bust facing left: ~~(1) 17-g.3. R-4. VG-8, porous; (2) 18-g.1. R-4. Fine-12; (3) 19-g.4. R-2. VG-8~~; (4) 20-a.2. R-4, VG-8, porous; ~~(5) 21-DD. R-4. Good-4.~~ (Total: 5 pieces)

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

2647 A further trio of 1787 DBL coppers. M 20-a.2. R-4 131.1 gns. Technically Fine. Even golden brown. Very soft and granular in the centers. Flawed in center of obverse. States as Taylor:2444; ~~M 21-DD. Low R-6 121.4 gns. Very Good. Golden brown. Rough and granular. Obverse scratched. States as Taylor:2446; M 24-g.3. R-4. 139.8 gns. Very Good. Dark brown. Deep obverse gouge at 12 o'clock. States as Taylor:2448~~

88.00

3 PIECES

ROSA AMERICANA FPL#8 SPRING, 1993

89 1787 Connecticut, Miller 20-a.2. Rarity-4. 131.3 grains. Fine, weak at the absolute centers and the top of the reverse, as often found on this scarcer variety. The legends and date are complete. Glossy medium brown surfaces (an ideal color, especially on a lower grade coin), with one insignificant planchet lamination on the obverse. Otherwise quite choice for the grade, and one of the nicest examples of the variety that we've been able to offer in some time, indeed, the variety just doesn't seem to exist better than VF!. UNT. 131.3 G2. $49

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20-2.2

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

983 **1787 M.20-a.2. DBL.** Rarity 4. Fine, rough and granular. 139.9 gns. Ruddy orange. Die states as Taylor:2444; ~~**1787 M.20-AA. DBL.** Rarity 5. Fine. 136.5 gns. Lightly granular. Obverse scratched; reverse cleaned. States as Taylor:2457, **1787 M.31.1-r.4. DBL.** Rarity 2. Fine. 125.9 gns. Brown. Light obverse, deep reverse flaw; reverse smoothed below waist. States as Taylor:2472; **1787 M.33.17-r.1. DBL.** Rarity 3. Strong Fine. 140.9 gns. Golden brown. A decent specimen save for some small digs both sides. States as Taylor:2548, **1787 M.33.33-Z.11. DBL.** High Rarity 5. Very Good. 122.1 gns. Obverse cleaned, reverse dark. Rough and granular. States as Taylor:2586~~. 5 pieces.

105 160 176

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

150 **1787 Connecticut coppers,** all DBL. **M.20-a.2.** R-4 (underrated). About Very Fine, obverse flawed. 133.6 gns.; ~~**M.26-a.1. R-6** (also underrated). Very Good, granular. 134.6 gns. Miller number in a coarse hand on obverse; **M.29.1-p. High R-6.** Fine, granular, clipped, bent. 144.3 gns.; **M.31.1-r.4.** R-2. Strong Fine, rough and flawed. 149.4 gns.; **M.31.2-r.3.** R-2. Fine, off center. 135.8 gns.; **M.32.2-X.4. Low R-6.** Misshapen and flawed Fine. 118.4 gns.; **M.32.5-aa. FNDE.** R-4. Fine, old reverse scratches. 132.1 gns. Miller number in a fine hand-on-obverse~~. 7 pieces.

600 600 660

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN CH SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

150 150 165

144. M27 1787 CONNECTICUT M.20-a.2 DBL (R-4) VF20 137.6 gns. The rarity rating for this variety is probably too low as may be the technical grade of this example as this variety typically strikes up with weak centers. Medium brown, obverse offset slightly high and to the right, reverse low with the very bottom of the date off the planchet. Generally problem free but both sides have even moderate to heavy porosity. Reverse rotated 350 degrees.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "CH GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

284 264 1787 CONNECTICUT COPPER M.20-a.2 (R-4) F15. 144.7 gns. This is one of those good news-bad news stories. Smooth light glossy tan surfaces with no major marks and perfect rims. That's the good news. The bad news is the 3.5mm indentation that's the reminder that some dimwit wanted a hole through this coin. The half-hole rests inobtrusively at Liberty's waist and does not affect the obverse at all. A very attractive obverse and a suitable filler.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "CH GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

SCARCE M.20-a.2

245 320 352

283 1787 CONNECTICUT M.20-a.2 DBL (R-4) VF30 131.1 gns. Rarity rating traditional, seemingly scarcer. Mid to light olive tones on a granular but presentable planchet. A few contact marks on each side, none very significant. A planchet cutters arc line running parallel to and near the obverse rim from 12:00 to 3:00. The obverse is off center high and to the right, the reverse low and to the right with two thirds of the date off the flan. Some small striations at the reverse shield and globe. This coin possibly falls within the Condition Census. The finest examples we currently know of are the AU Hessberg/Hall coin, and the 1975 Pine Tree EAC coin which was described as "Extremely Fine would be conservative for this extraordinary coin... traces of mint red around letters". Both of those coins had relatively weak strikes, on the reverse particularly this coin has some areas showing greater detail than either of them. The Taylor VF30 showed similar obverse detail but more reverse weakness, specifically at Liberty's head which often is quite weak on this variety but actually sharp on the current coin. Oechsner had an EF, again with weakness at Liberty's head. The ANS coin has been described as "Very Fine. Smooth medium brown. Localized weakness affecting head on reverse seated figure". Norweb had a F12 in a group lot, Picker Reference a weak Technical Fine. Continuing: the Appelton-MHS coin was VG as was the 1976 EAC coin. the 7/76 NERCA coin was called F12 as was the Turoff coin. Stack's 2/93 sale had a "flawed About VF" coin in a group lot. For a coin supposedly only R-4 it is worth noting some of the sales that lacked it. They include Garrett, Roper and Picker I, the Boyd, Brand & Ryder sale. Schenkel and seemingly all the recent major runs of Connecticut coppers auctioned over the last three years excepting the 3/94 sale.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

127 1787 Connecticut. Miller 20-a.2. High Rarity-4. 136.7 grains. Choice Fine. Nearly full legends, just CON and the date weak though everything else is sharp and bold. A bit flatly struck in the centers, as is almost always found on the variety. Gorgeous light honey brown surfaces that are hard, somewhat glossy and extremely pleasing overall. One of the most visually appealing examples of this variety that we've ever seen, free of the dark and rough surfaces that one usually finds when it is offered. The variety doesn't seem to exist better than VF, and a coin with this kind of eye appeal is probably the best the collector could hope for. Much more difficult to find than its rarity rating would suggest, we've handled less than half a dozen different specimens in nearly a decade, and we specialize in Connecticut coppers!.....$159

From Charles Kirtley's Mail Bid Sale #119, May, 1995, where it appeared as Lot G004.

Many of the Draped Bust Left varieties with large letters, Miller obverses 20-29, are much more difficult to find than their rarity ratings would suggest. As more accurate census information is compiled, we would not be surprised to see many of these varieties to radically change their rarity levels.

20-2.2

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

158. 1787 Connecticut Copper. Miller 20-a.2. High Rarity-5. 138.3 grains. Fine or slightly better, somewhat weakly struck at the exact centers, which is quite typical for the variety. This one has full legends on either side, generally quite strong. The date is full, though a bit weaker than the rest of the legends. As mentioned, the centers are weaker, but there is still nice design detail for the grade. Medium olive brown surfaces that have just a hint of light roughness, but which are free of any sort of post-striking damage or defect. Overall, a most pleasing example of a rare variety – and one that just doesn't seem to exist better than VF! Long considered to be more available, this particular variety has been something of a hidden rarity in the Connecticut copper series – given the fact that less research has been published on the Connecticut issues than any of their state coinage brethren (with the possible exception of Massachusetts coppers) that situation is certainly understandable.....$129

In his cataloguing of the recent Perkins sale, Michael Hodder revised the rarity rating of this variety upward to High R-5, we agree with the change, as the variety just does not turn up with any sort of frequency. This is the case with several of the Draped Bust Left varieties with large letters, Miller obverses 20-29, as more research is done on this series, we expect other varieties to have significant changes in their rarity ratings!

BOWER'S "MINNING SALE" AUG 31, 1999

$5,750.00

A. TERRANOVA

1016 1787 Connecticut copper. M 20-a.2. Draped Bust Left. Rarity-4. EF-45, finer in places, particularly on the obverse; few of today's specialists in the series would hesitate to designate the obverse AU. Medium reddish tan with glossy surfaces. Called by us in 1984 "An extraordinary specimen of this issue. Sharply struck with a wealth of detail in all areas. A simply marvelous Connecticut copper." No amount of written rhetoric today could possibly improve upon that sentiment of 15 years ago. One for the connoisseur!

Weight: 142.5 grains, diameter: 29.3 mm.

From our sale of the Arnold and Romisa Collections, September 1984, Lot 634. AT $517.00

20-2.2

21-DD

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

131 1787. M. 21-DD. R-6. Three crosses, late reground state with dashes no longer visible at second. (Dr. Hall's type 54 showed the hyphens; Crosby's type 21 lacked them; Miller identified both as the same die but claimed erroneously that their absence was due only to wear.) Letters thinner than on earlier states, AUCTORI especially so; comparison with the early-state Miller Plate coin will be very instructive. Rev. Four dashed crosses with ET–LIB: Dark and lighter brown surfaces consistent with **Fine, to VF grade,** details more like Almost Fine, a few fully Fine, date very weak and partly off flan. **Only one equal example has appeared at auction in many decades,** to our knowledge–the doublestruck Ruby coin (two clear dates) at $390. The Miller Plate coin is also slightly sharper; but we do not know any that will rate fully VF, so the present coin is presumably in the Condition Census. **(Photo)**

$135 **($300.–up)**

$135

'EAC'75

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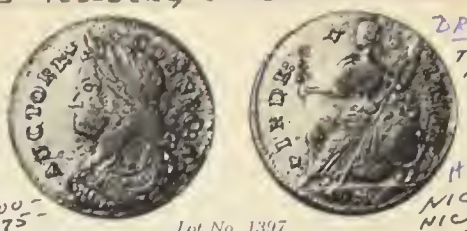
STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991



DR. HALL TECHNICALLY FINEST

HESSBERG

NICE XF NICE COLOR SCRATCH

200-675-

Lot No. 1397

M. RINGO

1397 **1787** Miller 21-DD (Low R-6). 139 grains. Draped bust left, quatrefoils flanked by dots serve as stops on both sides. Old obverse scratch across bust, light smooth golden brown. Choice Extremely Fine. SCRATCH

632.50

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection

STEVE TANNENBAUM

SEE STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994 LOT # 151 $742.50

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
1787 M.21-DD #? J.C. MITCHELSON, 1913
(VG8) VERY GOOD/FINE.

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

TOO BAD VF 35 TAN W/ DARK ENCRUSTATION ON REV

FIRE DAMAGE

$60.50

TAYLOR

2446 1787 Connecticut. M 21-DD. Draped Bust Left. 133.0 grains. Low R-6. VF-20, for sharpness. Medium golden brown with two striations on the obverse. Fire damaged around obverse and reverse rims, but all letters, punctuation, and detail were struck clearly

PINE TREE "BROWN UNIV" MAY 21, 1976

528 **1787. M. 21-DD** (R-6). **G/VG, date and legends all readable and on flan..**

$20 –

Rev. device quite weakly struck, especially head, peripheral regions sharper. Usual minor planchet flaws. See 1975 E. A. C. lot 131

BOWER'S "NORWEB" MARCH 25, 1988

SCRATCHES

$88

NORWEB

2515 1787 Connecticut. M 21-DD. F-12. Rarity-6. 135.5 grains. 28.3mm. 155°. Dark golden brown. Obverse and reverse deep scratches. *Purchased circa 1913-1915.* $88 –

MID-AMERICAN "1986 G.N.A. SALE" MAY 24, 1986

1122. 1787 Miller 21-DD, Rarity 6. Fine, on a lightly granular brown planchet, and with an area of light damage in the left obverse field. 140.0 grains

20

BOWER'S 'C. SCHENKEL SALE NOV 14, 1980

5671 . M 21-DD. Rarity-6. F-12, porous, once cleaned. 143.9 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2446 1 OF 9 PIECES

357.50

The seventh ex Harmer Rooke/Million Dollar Sale (5/70).6129.

BOWER'S 'RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972

1787 Draped bust left. 21-DD (R-4). Very Good $22.00; Fine $32.00

NORMAN PETERS LIST, OCT, 1983

1787 21-DD (R6) Very scarce VG $35.00

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

67 1787 Draped Bust Left M #21-DD (R-6) VERY GOOD 10, dark mottling of surfaces. Quite nice overall.

30 –

PAUL KAGIN LIST, APR, 1984

178 DBL M 21-DD Rarity 6 Fine 75.00

21-DD

BOWERS "BUCHENBACH-SMITH NOV 10-12, 1986

695.50

2724 1787 Connecticut copper. M.21-DD. Rarity-6, low VG-8 to Fine-12, on a somewhat porous flan. Severe obverse dig in the field before the effigy's chin. Nevertheless, a fairly rare die variety with all die diagnostics clear and bold. The date element is somewhat softly struck up, but is present in enough detail to be legible.

STACK'S SALE JUNE 18, 1981

58 1787 Miller 21-DD. Good, a few nicks. A Rarity 5. 30 –

COIN GALLERIES' PICKER REF. COLL' 7/22/92

2647 A further trio of 1787 DBL coppers. ~~M-20-a.2. R-4. 131.1 gns. Technically Fine. Even golden brown. Very soft and granular in the centers. Flawed in center of obverse. States as Taylor:2444~~; **M 21-DD.** Low R-6. 121.4 gns. Very Good. Golden brown. Rough and granular. Obverse scratched. States as Taylor:2446; ~~M-24.g.3. R-4. 130.8 gns. Very Good. Dark brown. Deep obverse gouge at 13 o'clock. States as Taylor:2448~~. 3 pieces. 88.00 ROSA AMERICANA FPL#8 LOT#90

PINE TREE "GENA '76 SALE" OCT 1, 1976

28 **1787.** M. 21-DD (R-6). **Fine overall,** some details and surfaces more like VF. 50 32.00

Some weaknesses of definition which are obviously inherent in the strike. Glossy, uniform chocolate brown. Well centered with date on flan; only a few tiny planchet defects. Not quite equal to our Condition Census F to VF E.A.C. sale specimen, but close to it. See 1975 E.A.C. lot 131.

PINE TREE 'FUN '78' JAN 6, 1978

24 1787 M. 21-DD (R-6). **Fine overall,** some details and surfaces more like VF. Some weaknesses of definition which are obviously inherent in the strike. Glossy, uniform chocolate brown. Well centered with date on flan; only a few tiny planchet defects. Not quite equal to our Condition Census F to VF E.A.C. sale specimen, but close to it. See 1975 E.A.C. lot 131.

STEVE IVY '1982 ANA SALE' AUG 17-21, 1982

LOT# 1252

1787 Draped Bust Left (hereafter designated "D.B.L."). Miller 21-DD. (High R-6, possibly R-7). Very Fine 35. A delightful strike. Easily makes Condition Census. Ex Fun '78:24. 110 –

1 OF 5 PIECES AT $550 –

61 SEE 19-g.4 MISATTRIBUTED

SUPERIOR'S "DR. RUBY COLL", FEB 11, 1974

61 1787. Similar. Apparently Miller 21–DD, with die failure at date and crack through bases of numerals. *Double struck*, one of the impressions nearly half off center, *two full dates* visible. Nearly Fine, uneven strike. Extremely rare mint error. Ex Mehl auction, November 28, 1945, lot 2822. PHOTO ALSO EX. SUPERIOR 1975 A.N.A. SALE LOT#19 (PLATE) AUG 19, 1975 AT $160.00 390 –

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

21-DD	1787 VG+/V	R6	Even wear
21-DD	1787	R6	
21-DD	1787	R6	
21-DD	1787 "Dog"		

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2128 **1787** ~~**M.16.6-NN.2. Draped Bust Left.** Fine. Low Rarity 6 (traditional). 146.6 grains. Light brown, uniformly granular, reverse rough in places. Reverse off-center to right, date off flan. Once cleaned. Die states as Taylor:2440~~; **1787 M.21-DD. DBL.** Good to Fine. Dark brown, evenly granular. Low Rarity 6 (traditional). Short linear flaws both sides. Liberty's head not struck up. Light rim nicks on both sides. 2 pieces. 120 140 154.00

The rarity ratings for the two varieties seem low at Low R-6; perhaps full R-6 would be better.

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

21-DD 5193 (8) VERY GOOD (8)
5203 (8) VERY GOOD (8)

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

68) 1787 M.21-DD Fine-15. Smooth medium brown with one thin ancient scratch across reverse figure and two small edge defects at 11 o'clock.

69) 1787 M.21-DD Good/Very Good (7). Dark brown fields with devices highlighted. Localized weakness at "ONN" in CONNEC and a weak date. White ink attribution. (No Provenance)

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

587 1787 Draped Bust Left. 21-DD (R-4). ET-LIB. VF with a few minor marks. Mint-caused edge clip. 17.50

BOWER'S 'P. WILLIAMS' SEPT 27-29, 1979

1295 ~~Additional~~ 1787 Connecticuts. ~~Each has~~ draped bust facing left: ~~(1) 17-g.3. R-4. VG-8, porous; (2) 18-g.1. R-4. Fine-13; (3) 19-g.4. R-2. VG-8; (4) 20-a.2. R-4. VG-8, porous~~; (5) 21-DD. R-4. Good-4. (Total: 5 pieces)

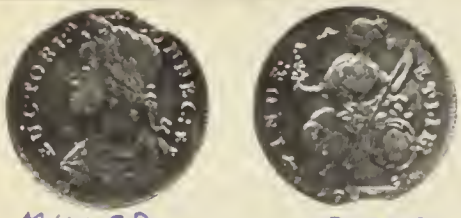
STACK'S SALE MAY 13, 1982

65 1787 M.21-DD. D.B.L.; ~~1787 M.37.4-k.1, D.B.L. (cleaned); 1787 M.37.5-e, D.B.L. All are~~ Fine or better. Lot of 3 pieces. 35 – 35 –

R. HUGHES LIST, OCT, 1980

M-21-DD (R-6) Very Good, somewhat granular 75.00

21-DD



MILLER 21—DD PLATE

HENRY C. MILLER SALE' MAY 26-29, 1920

1.85 1900 1787. Cr. 21-DD (Hall 54-DD). R. 4. Fine.

.70 1901 Another, VGood.

.15 2116 1787. ~~C. 20-A,~~ also 21-DD (2). G. 3 pcs.

2147 1787. ~~C. 43-Y (8 pcs); also 33 (44) Q (1)~~, 54 DD. G. & VG. 12 pcs.
.17 21-DD

DANA LINETT (EAN) LIST JUNE, 1942

21-DD, R-6, Very Good..... " ... 55.

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.21-DD
VERY FINE, FLAT STRIKE
(VF 20)

STACK'S SALE' BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

59 **1787 M.21-DD. DBL. R-6** (revised). Very Good, obverse scratched, two pits. 136.5 gns; ~~M.37.8-LL. DBL. Low R-5. Very Good, scratched, once cleaned. 121.4 gns. Hall attribution number painted on obverse; M.37.13-HH. DBL. R-5. Very Fine for die states but heavily scratched (cut cancelled, like contemporary currency) both sides. 110.2 gns. Hall attribution number and rarity rating painted on obverse; M.45-CC. DBL. R-6. Near Very Good, scratches, dark and rough in places. 118.6 gns.~~ 4 pieces. R. MARTIN

130 160 176

The first ~~and last~~ from Henry C. Miller in exchange, 1915 ~~and 1919, respectively, Ryder's tickets accompanying; the second and third with round card tickets with circle H, the third dated 1890.~~

1787 CONNECTICUT
54/DD R4 Hall.
Very good.
Not in Crosby.

Miller
1915.

21-DD

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

1787 MILLER 21-DD

425-
675
742 50

Lot No. 151

STEVE TANNENBAUM EX. HESSBERG

151 **1787 M.21-DD. DBL. R-6.** Good Very Fine, some areas sharper, surfaces of EF quality in places. 139.0 gns. Olive brown and green, a nice looking combination. Two long parallel scratches through most of obverse bust. Edge painted "54 DD" in a fine hand, this being Dr. Hall's attribution number for what became Miller's 21-DD. **Technical Condition Census** and high therein, exceeding every other specimen sold recently in terms of wear. Were it not for the obverse scratches this would be a candidate for Among Finest Known honors. Even with them it exceeds the Taylor, Norweb, ANS, and Ryder-Boyd primary coins.

From our sale of the Edward Hessberg Collection, June 19, 1991, lot 1397.

Dr. Hall's inventory of his collection records a 54-DD, unfortunately without any other notes. It is assumed by some that the high grade edge painted CT's in the Hessberg sale were originally in Hall's frontline collection. This present specimen offers us no evidence for or against that assumption.

BOWER'S "GREENWALD & JACKSON SALE" SEPT 11-13, 1995

Choice 1787 Miller 21-DD

Low Rarity-6 AMONG FINEST

~~Possible~~ Condition Census

FEW OLD SCRATCHES REVERSE

GOOD LIGHT BROWN COLOR GLOSSY

350-
1,100-
1,210

TO TONY TERRANOVA

LINEAR FLAW ABOVE DATE

3116 **1787 M 21-DD. Draped Bust Left. Choice VF,** perhaps marginally better. **Low Rarity-6.** 145.6 grains. Some lightness of strike at the centers, but sharp and well centered elsewhere. A candidate for **Condition Census** honors for this rare variety; certainly an "honorable mention" is in order. Sharpness not too far off that of Hessberg:1397 (which was scratched on the obverse). Glossy light brown surfaces. Reverse die heavily clashed around ET-LIB. A horizontal flan flaw parallels the date line on the reverse. A great opportunity; this particular specimen has been out of the numismatic marketplace since its purchase at the 1978 F.U.N. Convention.

STACK'S SALE JUNE 8, 1994 "BOYD-RYDER"

58 **1787 M.21-DD. DBL. R-6** (revised). Very Good, tooled and dark, rough and pitted, some scratches. Hall attribution number painted on obverse. J. ROCK

50
75
82 50

Round card ticket with circle H accompanies this lot. Card notes that the Hall attribution number for "54-DD" used to be 21-g.2 (prior to February, 1891). WHT. 136.0 GRAINS

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

THE RARE MILLER 21-DD

From the Dr. Hall and Hillyer Ryder Collections

144 1787 Connecticut, Miller 21-DD. Rarity-6. 136.0 grains. Fine or so, some details a bit sharper, others weaker as struck, a typical occurence for the variety. Full, bold legends and date, these details easily better than the grade here assigned [usually this variety comes weak at the date, so a full date is indeed a pleasant surprise]. Dark brown surfaces that are hard and a trifle glossy, but with some ancient hairline scratches on the reverse that are toned down to the color of the coin itself and not overly distracting; there is also some light roughness on the obverse, confined to the left periphery. PAINTED DIE VARIETY at the center obverse, the attribution as 54/DD, probably done by DR. THOMAS HALL, as that attribution number was given in his manuscript work on Connecticut coppers and only later changed to 21-DD; whoever painted that attribution must have had access to Hall's manuscript, and thus was probably the good doctor himself. Accompanied by one of the Hall-Ryder round cardboard tockets with circle H, which details the attribution number changes made. A very difficult variety, the rarity rating revised upward from a Low R-6 by Michael Hodder in Stack's June, 1994 sale. WAS $149.....NOW $139

Interestingly enough, this variety started out being called 21-g.2 by Dr. Hall, who later changed both the obverse and reverse varieties to 54-DD. Sometime later Hall changed the obverse back to 21, keeping the reverse as DD, the designation it has kept to this day.

21-DD

McCawley & Grellman 3rd C4 Sale Nov 8, 1997

242. ONE HALF DOZEN CONNECTICUT COPPERS. ~~1786 M.5.9-B-1-MBL (R-6) Low VG8 149.4 gns. Light planchet striations. Porous planchet. Full date, some legend missing. WITH 1787 M.1.1-A MBR (R-3) VG8 111.7 gns. Smooth, problem-free planchet. Medium brown. Visible date.~~ WITH 1787 M.21-DD DBL (R-low 6) Low VG8 148.7 gns. Greenish, golden shades. Porous. No date.

McCawley & Grellman 3rd C4 Sale Nov 8, 1997

241. THREE 1787 CONNECTICUT COPPERS. M.21-DD DBL (R-low 6) VG8 135.6 gns. Medium brown. Two obverse central punch marks. Slightly bent planchet rough throughout. No visible date.

McCawley & Grellman 3rd C4 Sale Nov 8, 1997

237. SEVEN 1787 RARITY 6 CONNECTICUT COPPERS: 1787 M.21-DD DBL (R-6) G4 128.2 gns. Dark brown grainy surfaces, flawed at Liberty's feet. Date readable, legends mostly full.

Rosa Americana Ltd Fixed Price List #13 Summer 1998

191. 1787 Connecticut. Miller 21-DD. Rarity-6. 118.5 grains. Fine or so, a bit weaker at the absolute centers. The legends are full on either side, and the date is full and sharp, with a full row of denticles beneath it. The central details are weaker than the grade of the rest, though everything is basically visible. One small pre-striking planchet flaw on either side, else a pleasing medium brown with just some minor circulation marks quite typical for the grade. A difficult variety to find in any condition, not in the recent sale of the Perkins duplicates, for instance. About as nice as we've handled, and quite attractively priced for a R-6 variety!.....$99

Rosa Americana Ltd Fixed Price List #13 Summer 1998

192. 1787 Connecticut. Miller 21-DD, another. 129.8 grains. Very Good or so, the central details very weak, but with full legends on either side; only a small portion of the date is visible. Dark brown surfaces, slightly matte-like, but free of any sort of post-striking damage or defect. A pleasing lower-grade example of this rare issue, quite cheap at just.....$69

Rosa Americana Ltd Fixed Price List #12 Spring 1997

129 1787 Connecticut. Miller 21-DD. Rarity-6. 148.3 grains. Fine or so, somewhat weaker than that grade level at the absolute centers, as struck. Full legends, generally bold, on either side; the date is off the planchet due to centering. As noted, the central details are weaker, especially the base of the obverse effigy and Liberty's head. Light golden brown, with mottlings of a darker color. Some very light roughness is apparent at the weak areas, though overall the piece is fairly clean and has decent eye appeal. A most difficult variety to find in any grade — the only nicer one that seems to have been offered was the EF Dr. Hall-Hessberg coin, which unfortunately was heavily scratched. A tough issue, still on many collector's want lists.....$99

Rosa Americana Ltd (J. Rock) FPL #11 Spring 1996

149 1787 Connecticut. Miller 21-DD. Rarity-6. 132.2 grains. Fine. Evenly struck, with the legends full [just a few letters a bit weak], as is the date, the latter quite unusual for the variety. Somewhat weak at the center of the obverse and the lower reverse, as struck. Light brown surfaces, evenly matte-like, and free of all but the most trivial of circulation marks. A most difficult variety to find in any grade. The Dr. Hall - Hessberg coin seems to be the only nicer one offered in recent years, that one a scratched EF. The rarity rating of this variety was revised upward from a Low R-6 by Michael Hodder in the June, 1994 Stack's sale. Overall an attractive example of this difficult variety, still on a great number of want lists by Connecticut copper specialists!.....$129

Rosa Americana Ltd (J. Rock) FPL #11 Spring 1996

150 1787 Connecticut. Miller 21-DD, another. 136.4 grains. Nearly Very Fine in terms of wear received. Full legends, the date mostly off the planchet. The design detail is quite close to the full VF grade, with significant drapery lines on the obverse. Medium brown surfaces, with mottlings of a darker shade and some light roughness, though not all that bad. The obverse has two mid-size circular indentations at the center, though not quite as deep as attempted punctures would be. They do detract a bit, but they also seriously lower the price. Overall, the coin does have good eye appeal, and it is a legitimately rare variety, almost never found nicer. Should be of interest to the specialist at just.....$99

21-DD

22-C DELETE

Connecticut Cents in the Yale Collection

By REV. C. F. LUTHER, Amherst, Mass.

For a number of years it has been my privilege, while attending the annual convocation at the Yale Divinity School, to spend some portion of the time in the coin room of the University Library, classifying the Connecticut cents in the very extensive general collection which the University possesses. It has been a task demanding much patient study, but offering commensurate rewards. The undertaking is now so nearly completed that it is possible to make a report which should be of interest to readers of The Numismatist. And while the collection does not stand at the head in the matter of numbers—my own and that of Mr. Richardson, of Stratford, each surpassing it by about thirty varieties—it is, nevertheless, highly interesting in the new mulings which have come to light. To the three varieties mentioned in my article on page 138 of The Numismatist, 1928, must be added two entirely new varieties, or at least one new variety and one confirming a description in Crosby which Miller failed to find. These several additions bring the total so far listed up to 323. The number of varieties attributed in the Yale collection is 168, or somewhat over one-half of the total. Among these are some half dozen of rarities 5 and 6, beside the two unique varieties.

This number was reached by attributing some 285 pieces according to Miller's classification, showing thus something over 100 duplicates attributed. The total number of pieces in the collection is well up to 400, the balance being either so mutilated or so indistinct that attribution was extremely difficult if not impossible. It may well be that among these unclassified pieces are additional varieties, but the condition is such that the collection would not be greatly enhanced by their addition.

It would doubtless add to interest in the collection if some record or account of its assembling could be given, but records are lamentably lacking. The coins were in trays labeled "Old University Collection," a mark revealing next to nothing. It is known that a former curator was Jonathan Edwards, of the class of 1863, and it is beyond question that it was he who made or at any rate greatly increased the collection between the time of his graduation and his death in 1886. Such classification as was attempted was also by him, using the only system them available—that of Crosby. Only a very small part of the collection bore any labels, although pieces manifestly of the same general type were arranged in groups. It is apparent that this system was totally inadequate for the proper arrangement, and, as the event has shown, even Miller failed to include mulings discovered since the publication of his excellent work.

22-g.? It should be stated that the two newly discovered varieties may be attributed as 22-c and 37-15-f, of 1787. Of the former Miller states that Crosby did actually list this die, but adds that authentic specimens are lacking. The Yale collection thus confirms the earlier description of Crosby, but, inasmuch as neither Hall nor Miller found examples, the muling passes as an addition. Of the second, Miller says that Crosby described the die as reverse F combined with obverse 24, but adds that he himself had encountered no authentic specimens. The reverse in the Yale collection is f in combination with obverse 37-15, thus producing an entirely new variety. Readers should add these varieties to Miller's lists, and in time the American Numismatic Society should issue a second supplement to the State Coinages of New England, listing the several varieties discovered since the publication of the first. The possible combinations of some 190 obverses with an equal number of reverses is so nearly infinite that it is doubtful whether the final variety will ever be discovered.

22-C
DELETE

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

22-g.2

132 1787. M. 22-g.2(?) or possibly the hitherto untraced 22-c. If 22-g.2, nearly R-7; if 22-c, R-8. Three crosses, first dotted (not visible on present coin owing to a severe planchet flaw). Rev. apparently four dashed crosses, first not visible owing to the same planchet flaw. Miller calls for ET-LIB: with pole end touching base line and top of branch about level with right end of cross. Crosby omits any hyphen between ETLIB: on the present coin, there is no hyphen—or if there ever was one, it is obscured by clash marks; pole end does not touch base line; top of branch lower than Miller specifies. It is possible that these differences come from regrinding rev. g.2 before this coin was struck, though the variety is so rare that we have been unable to verify the claim. Aside from the mentioned planchet flaw, **this is a sharp clean Very Fine example without problems;** light brown. The only other much weaker M. 22-g.2 which went to R. A. Vlack in decades is the "Fine" Appleton-MHS coll. (1970, lot 139). **(Photo)** $250 — **($375.-up)**

$250

'EAC '75'

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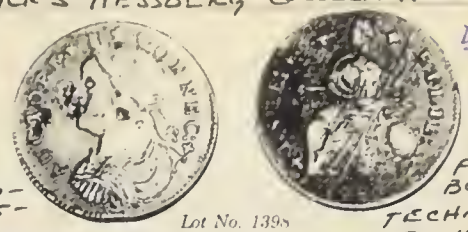
STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION 6-20-91



DR. HALL

HESSBERG

BIT DARK FEW RIM BUMPS

TECHNICALLY FINEST

200-425-

Lot No. 1398

D. MENCHELL

1398 **1787** 22-g.2 (Low R-6). 140 grains. Draped bust left, quatrefoils AUCTORI: + +CONNEC:+, remarkably bold reverse with excellent head and hand detail. Deep glossy brown. Extremely Fine.

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Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

2648 A Selection of 1787 DBL coppers. **M 22-g.2.** Low R-6. 141.7 gns. Good. Dark golden brown. Both sides granular. Edge dent obverse 12 o'clock. Date area abraded. States as Taylor:2447, ~~M 24-g.5. R-5. 131.0 gns. Fine. Dark brown. Uniformly granular, heavily so on reverse. States as Taylor:2449; M 25-b. R-3. 137.4 gns. Strong Fine. Dark golden brown. Both sides granular. Edge damaged at 3 and 9 o'clock obverse. States as Taylor:2451.~~ 3 pieces.

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BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

$143 —

TAYLOR

2447 1787 Connecticut. M 22-g.2. Draped Bust Left. 151.6 grains. Low R-6. VF-20. Dark golden brown, flawed across the reverse. Reverse die bulging, obscuring Liberty's left hand and most of the second E in that legend. Shield and globe weak, last two digits of date also weak. Finer than either the Stack's M.H.S. (1970) or the Pine Tree E.A.C. examples. TO D. PARTRICK

BOWER'S "NORWEB" MARCH 25, 1968

2516 1787 Connecticut. M 22-g.2. F-12 to 15. Rarity-6— 147.9 grains. 28.6mm. 225°. Glossy iridescent greenish brown. Obverse struck off center. Later obverse state than Taylor: 2447 after a second clashing; later reverse state, also, with more damage over Liberty's left hand. $176 COLOR NOTED NORWEB

OK FINE

Purchased circa 1913-1915.

PINE TREE "BROWN UNIV" MAY 21, 1976

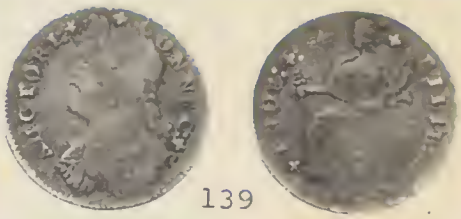
529 **1787. M. 22-g.2** (nearly R-7). G/VG.

NOT SOLD

C of CONNEC obscured by planchet roughness, date can be made out with some difficulty, and rev. lettering is plain, though INDE weak with tops of letters touching rim. Large V-shaped planchet chip out of rim as seen from 5:00 o'clock position of obv. Light yellowish brown. The VF example, lot 132 in the 1975 E. A. C. sale, brought $250.

STACK'S MASS. HIST. SOC. OCT 23, 1970 'MHS'

139 **1787 Miller 22-g.2. Fine.** Rarity 5. Draped bust facing left as are all of the following 1787's. The bust and reverse figure are somewhat softly struck, but the lettering, date, and branch are sharp. Well centered. A few very minor reverse edge nicks. Even wear with some pitting that can only be seen under a glass, and a very thin light scratch across the bust. A very desirable coin for a Rarity 5 (which is about Rarity 7 on the Sheldon scale). Dark brown on a granular surface. PLATE $27.50



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PINE TREE "GENA '76 SALE" OCT 1, 1976

29 **1787.** M. 22-g.2 (nearly R-7). **Very Good, some details Fine.**

Brown patina and tan on higher relief areas. Compare with 1975 E.A.C. lot 132 (a nice VF at $250).

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

68 1787 Draped Bust Left M #22-g.2 (R-7) VERY GOOD-10, slightly dark with a faint obverse scratch, minor reverse rim bumps and traces of inked numerals. Ex. Massachusetts Historical Society Sale graded Fine. Third finest known.

$35 —

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

70) 1787 M.22-g.2 Fine/Very Fine (15-18). Light brown. Defect in left obverse field in front of face. Straight clip at 12 o'clock.

71) 1787 M.22-g.2 Good/Very Good (7). Dark brown with devices highlighted. White ink attribution. (No Provenance)

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

LOT #

2445 22-g.2. 153.9 grains. Low R-6. VG 8. Attribution number painted on obverse. Softly struck at the base of the obverse and top of reverse, but no hyphen between I and I, rather, a tiny die bulge there;

1 OF 5 PIECES

TAYLOR

22-g.2

BOWER'S 'BARTLETT SALE' NOV 30, 1979

2104 1787 Connecticut. Draped bust left. Miller 22-g.2 (R-5).
70- Fine-12, light chocolate brown. Choice defect-free surfaces.
WHT. 152.2 GR. TO → R. MARTIN
CONDITION CENSUS

BOWER'S 'RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APR, 1972

1787 Draped bust left. 24-g.3 (R-4). Good $15.00; Very Good 22.00

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

22-g.2 1787 R7-
22-g.2 1787 G+/G+ R7- Digs & pitts both sides.

BOWER'S 'TURBFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

588 1787 Draped Bust Left. 22-g.2 (R-5). Very rare variety. Good or
15- slightly better.

HENRY C. MILLER SALE' MAY 29, 1920

.90 1902 1787. C. 22-G (2). Good.
.10 2117 1787. C. 22--G (1), ~~25 B and 25 B(1)~~. G. 4 pcs.

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2132 **1787 M.22-g.2. DBL. Fine. Low Rarity 6. 115.6.**
30- grains. Golden brown high points, darker fields. Uni-
200- formly granular. Small flaws on effigy's head, rim dent
220- over I obverse. Softly struck upper left obverse, lower left reverse. Better than average condition for this scarce variety which may deserve a full R-6 rating. Later reverse state than Taylor:2447, die sinking behind head, second E fading.

ROSA AMERICANA FPL 8 SPRING 1993

91 1787 Connecticut, Miller 22-g 2. Rarity-6, probably high in that level 147.3 grains Fine, with the top of the obverse and the lower right area of the reverse being weaker The RI of AUCTORI and the E of ETLIB are very weak, the rest of the legends are sharp; the date is weak, but visible Clean medium brown planchet, free of any sort of damage whatsoever. Actually quite an appealing example of a variety that is almost never seen offered—the last legitimate offering was in the Taylor sale way back in 1987 (one other offered on a dealer's price list was actually a misattributed 24-g.3). An intriguing variety—doubt was raised by Walter Breen in the 1975 EAC sale on whether there was a hyphen between ET and LIB, or whether it was a result of die clashing, since if there wasn't a hyphen the variety would be 22-c, a reverse mentioned by Crosby but untraced by Miller when he wrote his reference work forty years later. Other specimens have verified that there is, indeed, a small hyphen between the letters, so the attribution of 22-g 2 is accurate. We've been able to track down just sixteen separate examples, four of which are in museum collections, and ten of which grade under Fine! A very difficult variety to find in any grade—this is the first that we've been able to offer for sale—and one that should be on the want lists of many Connecticut specialists! ... $229

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6527 Trio of 1787 Connecticut copper ~~issues. ☆ M 11 1-E. Mailed~~
77.00 ~~Bust Left. G-4. Rarity-2. 156.6 grains. Dark brown surfaces with several tiny edge marks noted for accuracy~~ ☆ **M 22-g.2.** Draped Bust Left. AG-3, rough granular surfaces. **Low Rarity-6.** 117.7 grains. Struck on a slightly oval planchet ~~☆ M 25-m. Draped Bust Left. G-4, uniformly porous surfaces. Rarity-6. 128.8 grains. A porous but completely legible specimen of this very scarce issue. A notable opportunity for the Connecticut copper specialist to obtain these elusive varieties~~ (Total: 3 pieces)

COIN GALLERIES 'PERKINS II' APRIL 14, 1993

1979 **1787 ~~M.17-g.3. DBL.~~** ~~Fine. Low Rarity 4. 142.1 gns. Golden brown. Very granular, reverse pitted. Hairline break at rim over CTO;~~ **another.** ~~Very Good/Fine. 157.4 gns. Dark and golden brown. Relatively smooth surfaces. Reverse scratch through branch. Uncertain obverse state;~~ **~~1787 M.19-g.4. DBL.~~** ~~Fine. Rarity 3. 146.5 gns. Golden brown. Scratched on reverse. Die failing above date;~~ **1787 M.22-g.2. DBL.** Technical Fine. Low Rarity 6. 136.6 gns. Dark and golden brown. Granular, heavy reverse flaw. Cleaned. Later die states; ~~**1787 M. 24-g.3. DBL.** Very Good. Rarity 5 (corrected). 137.9 gns. Brown. Very granular. Uncertain states;~~ ~~**1787 M.26-a.1. DBL.** Very Good. Low Rarity 6. 136.1 gns. Nice even golden brown. Problem free and smooth obverse; reverse scratched. Obverse perfect; reverse clashed around periphery~~. **6** pieces.

~~The first, ex George D. Hatie Sale (Bowers and Merena, August 3, 1983, part of lot 124); the fourth and last,~~ from Robert Vlack in 1984, ex his second collection.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

152 **1787 M.22-g.2. DBL. Low R-6. Technical Very Fine,** but on a granular flan with some lack of sharp-
110- ness. ET LIR variety. 115.7 gns. Soft upper left obverse,
220- lower left reverse. Dark brown fields, dark ruddy high
247.50 points. Two very tiny obverse rim clips. Probably technical Condition Census, this variety usually comes VG to F at best. The nicest ones sold recently have been the EF Hessberg and VF Taylor coins. Dies appear perfect. DARK RUDDY HIGH POINTS

MIKE RINGO LIST, NOV, 1985

10. 1787 M.22-g.2. Fair filler of an R-7 variety..... 15.00

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1226 **1787 ~~M.16.1 M. Draped bust left. Very Good. A large dig on the lower obverse;~~**
264- ~~M.10-g.4. Very Good, minor planchet faults;~~ **M.22-g (R-5). About Good, heavily encrusted due to earth burial;** ~~**M.25-b. Very Good, reverse porous; M.30-bb.1. Good but porous, with reverse pincerstrokes**~~. 5 pieces.

22-g.2

McCawley & Grellman C4 Sale "Griffee" Oct 21, 1995

CO-
CO-
CO-

145. M28 1787 CONNECTICUT M.22-g.2 DBL (Low R-6) VG10 138.1 gns. Although this coin has some detail of a Fine it suffers under a heavy dose of microscopic porosity which obscures some of it. Medium brown, struck off center obverse high and to right, CON is lost as is part of the date on the reverse. Two old scrapes on the obverse, one on reverse, none too serious. Reverse rotated 350 degrees. Ex McLaughlin and Robinson Auctions 7/88 lot 73, ticket included.

Rosa Americana Ltd (J. Rock) FPL #11 Spring 1996

The Very Rare Miller 22-g.2

151 1787 Connecticut. Miller 22-g.2. High Rarity-6. 138.1 grains. Fine or so, most details of that grade level, a few others just a bit weaker as struck. Nearly complete legends, with just the CON of CONNEC faint; the date has the first three numerals sharp, the last one weak. Medium brown surfaces, the obverse mostly hard for the grade, the reverse with some microscopic roughness at the left side, though none of it is very serious. There are two ancient and thin scratches on the obverse, one through the U of AUCTORI and the other on the effigy's chin. Both have toned down to the color of the surfaces and aren't easily noticeable though they are here mentioned for complete accuracy. Overall a most pleasing example of this extremely difficult variety which is seldom offered in any grade — in fact this is just the third that we've owned in over two decades of collecting and dealing in the series. On a lot of want lists, the first caller gets it at just.....$159

In his masterful cataloguing of the EAC '75 sale, the late Walter Breen called the variety nearly R-7 and suggested that the multiple die clashings may have obscured the small, weak hyphen between ET and LIB, accounting for Crosby's variety 22-c which was untraced and later deleted. Further specimens have shown a stronger hypen [including this coin], making it clear that the variety is part of the g reverse family, and that the lower-case c reverse die does not exist.

Rosa American Ltd Fixed Price List #12 Spring 1997

131 1787 Connecticut. Miller 22-g.2. High Rarity-6. 118.4 grains. Fine, some details a bit sharper, others weaker as struck. Nearly full legends, just ORI and IN weak and with the very tops of CO off the planchet due to centering, as is the bottom two-thirds of the date. Decent design detail for the grade, weak at the obvese effigy's face but with some mailing visible; the reverse is weak at the globe and shield, though Liberty's upper body is sharp, as is the ornamentation surrounding her figure. Medium brown surfaces, slightly matte-like and a bit dull in appearance, but free of any post-striking damage or defect. Only a faint trace of the hypen between ET LIB is visible, a situation that led Sylvester Sage Crosby to erroneously classify this as a new reverse die in 1873, his "c." An extremely difficult issue to find in any grade, about as nice as the one that sold off of our last list. Accompanied by an old Stack's envelope, circa 1950, with the appropriate attribution information written on it; the present coin has been off the market for nearly four decades. In over two decades of collecting and dealing in Connecticut coppers, this is only the fourth example of the variety that we've ever owned — now that's a testimony for how tough the variety really is!.....$139

In the EAC '75 catalogue the late Walter Breen called the variety nearly R-7 and suggested that multiple die clashings may have obscured the small, somewhat weak hyphen between ET LIB, thus accounting for Crosby's variety 22-c which was untraced and later dropped from the roster of known varieties. Other specimens do show a hyphen, making it clear that this reverse is part of the "g" family of dies.

22-g.2

24-g.3

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

133* 1787. M. 24-g.3. R-5. Two dashed crosses, first O low. Rev. Hyphen joined to T. **Some details VF, most others Fine,** reverse weaker than obverse. Light and medium brown and steel, patches of darker tone on reverse, unusually free of defects. Everything clear except pole hand and adjacent cross. From the Bowers Aug. 1972 list; oddly, no recent auction records in any grade.
(Photo) ($200.–up)

$135

*Bids accepted by mail only.

'EAC '75'

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BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

NICE VF(AU) STRIKE MED. BROWN

FINEST ?

$385 –

TAYLOR

2448 1787 Connecticut. M 24-g.3. Draped Bust Left. 148.5 grains. R-4. **VF-30,** on a glossy, smooth, medium golden brown flan. Slightly off center on obverse; lamination across Liberty's right arm, but without obscuring the details. Quite possibly one of the finest available today. $385 –
From Stack's sale of April, 1971, Lot 579.

BOWER'S "NORWEB" MARCH 25, 1988

2517 1787 Connecticut. M 24-g.3. VF-35. Rarity-4. 134.7 grains. 28.3mm. 175°. Technical grade probably higher, this piece graded for sharpness. Deep flan flaws, one nearly through the coin, beneath the effigy's eye. Sharper than Taylor: 2448.
Purchased circa 1913-1915. $110 –
$110 –

NORWEB

XF DETAIL – 2 SMALL DEEP FLAWS – OFF CENTER

MID-AMERICAN "1986 G.N.A. SALE" MAY 24, 1986

1123. 1787 Miller 24-g.3. Rarity 5. **Good.** A nice, well-worn example with a small planchet clip at K-3.
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BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 11, 1976

589 1787 Draped Bust Left. 24-g.3 (R-4). ET-LIB. **Abt. Fine, some scratches.**
15 –

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

LOT # 2445 ~~24-g.3.~~ 123.4 grains. R-4. F-15, smooth and dark. Irregularly struck at upper right portion of obverse and lower right portion of reverse
1 OF 5 PIECES

TAYLOR

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF COLL' 7/22/92

2647 A further trio of 1787 DBL coppers. ~~M 20-a.2. R-1. 131.1 gns. Technically Fine. Even golden brown. Very soft and granular in the centers. Flawed in center of obverse. States as Taylor:2444; M 21-DD. Low R-6. 121.4 gns. Very Good. Golden brown. Rough and granular. Obverse scratched. States as Taylor:2446;~~ **M 24-g.3.** R-4. 139.8 gns. Very Good. Dark brown. Deep obverse gouge at 12 o'clock. States as Taylor:2448. 3 pieces.
88 –

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 199

DR. HALL

1400 **1787** Miller 24-g.3 (R-4). 150 grains. Draped bust left, two obverse crosses flanked with dashes on obverse, four. more on reverse. Light reddish-tan with some unobtrusive lamination. Very Fine. FAIR F/VF DECENT COLOR
Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection.
330 –

HESSBERG

BOWER'S C. SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5671 ☆ M 24-g.3. Rarity-4. F-1
357 – scratched. 124.5 grains States equivalent to Taylor:2448
1 OF 9 PIECES

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

72) 1787 M.24-g.3 Very Good overall. Uneven strike causing "AUCT" on obverse and "NDE" on corresponding reverse to be obscured. Reverse slightly off center resulting in bottom 2/3 of date to be struck off flan. Dark mahogany brown with devices and legends highlighted.

73) 1787 M.24-g.3 Very Fine. Smooth chocolate brown surfaces. Uneven strike resulting in "CONN" on obverse, and "IB" on reverse to be obscured. Rim bruise at 12 o'clock. Light planchet striae on reverse figure. (No Provenance)

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY FOUNDATION) 1989

24-g.3 1787 F/P R5 Worn, pitted, water damage ?

STACK'S SALE' SEPT 17, 1986

16 1787 Miller 24-g.3 (R-5). **Fine,** light brown and olive toning. Reverse somewhat weaker than obverse. Overall sharper than EAC 133 although date is quite soft.
60.50

24-g.3

BOWER'S P. WILLIAMS' SEPT 27-29, 1975

1296 ~~Five~~ 1787 Connecticuts, Draped bust left. (1) 24-g.3. R-5. Good-4; ~~(2) 25-b. R-4. Fine-12; (3) 25-m. R-5. AG-3; (4) 26-AA. R-3. AG-3; (5) 26-kk.1. R-4. Good-4~~. (Total: 5 pieces)

HENRY C. MILLER SALE' MAY 29, 1920

5.00 1903 1787. C. 24-G. (3). VG.

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1227 ~~1787 M.16.1-M. Draped bust left. Good. Medium glossy brown planchet; M.19-g.4. Very Good, light porosity~~; M.24-g.3 (R-4). Good but very weak strike, especially on the reverse. A diagonal pinscratch on the reverse; ~~M.30-hh.1. "ET-LIR" variety. Very Good, corrosion spots~~. 4 pieces.

60.50

MIKE RINGO LIST JUNE, 1987

14. 1787 Draped Bust Left, M.24-g.3. Very Good to Fine, long rev. scratch. 20.00

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #5 SUMMER, 1991

31. 1787 Miller 24-g.3, Fine. CONN and date weak; planchet flaw at the obverse center. Quite close to the Taylor coin [a VF at $385] and the Hessberg example [low-end VF at $330]. From our last price list at $129, now offered below our cost at...WHT. 131.2 GRAINS.....$89

STACK'S 'PERKINS' COLL. SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

*2133 **1787 M.24-g.3. DBL.** Fine or slightly better. Rarity 4 for the dies, **Rarity 6 or better** for the coin. 129.0 grains. Dramatically **off-centered strike,** shifted about 30% up and to the left. Light golden brown. Surfaces microscopically granular. Curious and unexplained vertical lines along one edge of reverse. OK

200 525 577.50

2133

STACK'S 'PERKINS SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2131 **1787 ~~M.19-g.4. DBL.~~** ~~Overall Fine. Rarity 3. 143.1 grains. Golden brown, some gloss. Light obverse, heavier reverse flaws. Small rim clips. Later states, T obverse failing, date completely gone now~~; **1787 M.24-g.3. DBL.** Good overall. 145.8 grains. Dark brown, softly struck at right and in centers. Die states intermediate; ~~**1787 M.26-kk.1. DBL.** Very Good/Good. **Rarity 6.** 148.8 grains. Gray brown. Reverse granular, scratched. Reverse state as Taylor:2455, IND ET nearly gone; **1787 M.26-AA. DBL.** Fine. Rarity 5. Dark brown, reverse center soft. 145.8 grains. A decent, dark brown example. Die states as Taylor:2457~~. 4 pieces.

130 240 264

COIN GALLERIES 'PERKINS II' APRIL 14, 1993

1979 **1787 M.~~17-g.3. DBL.~~** ~~Fine. Low Rarity 4. 142.1 gns. Golden brown. Very granular, reverse pitted. Hairline break at rim over CTO;~~ **another.** ~~Very Good/Fine. 157.4 gns. Dark and golden brown. Relatively smooth surfaces. Reverse scratch through branch. Uncertain obverse state;~~ **1787 M.19-g.4. DBL.** ~~Fine. Rarity 3. 146.5 gns. Golden brown. Scratched on reverse. Die failing above date;~~ **1787 M.22-g.2. DBL.** ~~Technical Fine. Low Rarity 6. 136.6 gns. Dark and golden brown. Granular, heavy reverse flaw. Cleaned. Later die states;~~ **1787 M. 24-g.3. DBL.** Very Good. Rarity 5 (corrected). 137.9 gns. Brown. Very granular. Uncertain states; ~~**1787 M.26-a.1. DBL.** Very Good. Low Rarity 6. 136.1 gns. Nice even golden brown. Problem free and smooth obverse; reverse scratched. Obverse perfect; reverse clashed around periphery~~. **6** pieces.

495.00

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.24-g.3
EXTREMELY FINE+ (XF 45+)
NO HEAD REV. FIGURE

24-g.3

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #9 SUMMER, 1994

146 1787 Connecticut, Miller 24-g.3. Rarity-4. 139.8 grains. Traditionally a Rarity-4, probably a bit higher than that, as it is just not seen with the kind of frequency one would expect from that rarity level. Very Good or so, struck on a somewhat wretched planchet, with a deep lamination at the top of the obverse and some tiny striations on either side, more numerous on the obverse. Medium brown color. The legends are complete though one or two of the letters on the obverse are weak, as is the date. This variety just doesn't exist in grades above Very Fine (only the Taylor, Norweb and Hall-Hessberg coins qualify as VF, all the others, including the EAC '75 coin, have been in lower grade). Another tough variety, quite difficult in any grade. WAS $39.....NOW $29

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

A Nice Miller 24-g.3

145 1787 Connecticut, Miller 24-g.3. High Rarity-4. 142.1 grains. Choice Very Fine, a bit weak at the top of the obverse and the corresponding area of the reverse, as struck. The legends are full and bold with the sole exception of the first C of CONNEC. The date is off the planchet due to centering. Good design detail on either side, with full drapery on the obverse effigy and a sharp branch in Liberty's hand on the reverse. Dark olive brown surfaces that are quite glossy and hard. A few insignificant marks on either side do not detract much from the overall quality of the coin. A very difficult issue to find choice, the majority of specimens seem to exist in grades of VG or so and are usually rough. Nothing a whole lot better has appeared since the EF Taylor coin [which may have been the finest known of the variety]. VF examples were in EAC '75 and Norweb, while Hessberg had a VF/F at $330. The Perkins piece was Fine but dramatically off center and brought a price of $577.50. This one is probably in or at least very near the Condition Census for the variety and is certainly one of the nicest examples available today. As the finest known is just a grade better, it's also a coin that won't have to be upgraded at any time soon!.....$249

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

159. 1787 Connecticut Copper. Miller 24-g.3. High Rarity 4 (possibly a full Rarity-5). 130.9 grains. Fine to Very Fine, probably fully of the latter grade level in terms of wear received. Weakly struck at CONN on the obverse and the corresponding area of the reverse; the variety is usually found with a somewhat erratic strike. The date is faint, and only about half on the planchet. Pleasing light olive brown color. The obverse has a large planchet flaw at the center of the coin – clearly there pre-striking, and the reverse has a much smaller one at the seated figure's waist. One of two old hairline scratches can be seen on the reverse, but they are toned over and not detracting. Overall, the coin has significant eye appeal, especially since the color is good and there is no real post-striking damage. A difficult variety to find choice, the vast majority of specimens exist in grades of VG or so, and are usually rough. The Taylor EF may have been the finest known, and there were just a couple of VF's at auction (EAC '75 and Norweb, for example), while the Hessberg coin was a VF/F at $330! We've only handled one nicer specimen, a solid VF that appeared on our Tenth price list back in 1995, and indeed that was the LAST specimen that we've been able to offer in ANY grade – given that we tend to specialize in the series, that is a telling comment indeed on the overall rarity of the variety; we suspect that further research will justify moving the rarity for the variety up a notch to a solid R-5. Until then, though, it's a most pleasing example of a tough variety, and priced right at just.....$179

24-g.3

24-g.5

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

134 1787. M. 24-g.5. R-6. Rev. Top of branch joins colon dot. What details are struck up at all are of **Very Fine grade**, but this coin is very weakly and unevenly struck on a granular planchet, second cross gone, C almost invisible as is date. **Extremely rare**, probably high in the R-6 level and not impossibly on the border of R-7. **No auction records;** in the Bowers April 1972 list were not fully Good! **(Photo)** $160 ($275.-up)

$160

EAC '75

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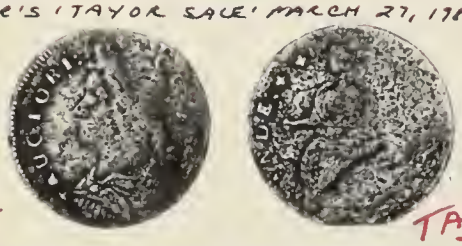
1787 24-g.5 #10869 (VG10) FINE?

BOWER'S 'TAYOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987



$33

TAYLOR

2449 1787 Connecticut. M 24-g.5. Draped Bust Left. 118.4 grains. R-5. VG-8. Dark and porous, with considerable loss of detail on the right obverse and reverse sides. Clip struck at the top of the obverse. $33

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

LOT # 24-g.5.

2445 134.5 grains. R-5. VG-8, only partially struck up on the reverse. ~~(Total: 5 pieces)~~ 1 OF 5 PIECES TAYLOR

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

2450 1787 Connecticut coppers: M 24-g.5. 130.0 grains. R-5. G-4, dark and very porous;

1 OF 4 PIECES TAYLOR

BOWERS' 1st NATL BANK DENVER 'JUNE 23, 1987

2031 1787 Connecticut. M 24-g.5. 118.4 grains. Rarity-5. VG-8, dark and porous. Minor obverse rim clip at 12:00.

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

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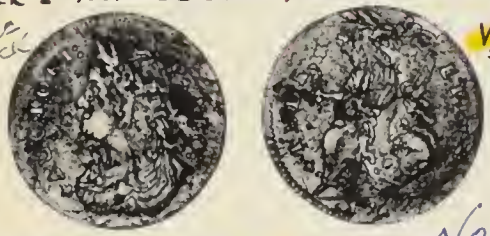


VF DETAIL SOME IRIDESCENCE ON OBV. AD

NORWEB

A. TERRANOVA COLL.

2518 1787 Connecticut. M 24-g.5. F-12. Rarity-5. 151.6 grains. 29.8mm. 160°. Medium reddish brown, lighter iridescent highlights. A technical conundrum! The obverse bears four differently placed impressions, three being severely off center brockage strikes from another coin caught in the press, the last being the properly placed strike. The reverse shows three differently placed obverse impressions, normal strikes, one severely off center, in addition to the proper reverse strike. In the Norweb inventory book the following notation occurs under this specimen: "I have only met with four specimens, two in reserve, one in cabinet, one probably Mr. Hays. Sept. 1870." 770

SEE ROSA AMERICANA FPL #8 SPRING 1993 LOT # 94

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' 7/22/92

2648 A Selection of 1787 DBL coppers. ~~M 22-g.2. Low R-6. 141.7 gns. Good. Dark golden brown. Both sides granular. Edge dent obverse 12 o'clock. Date area abraded. States as Taylor:2447;~~ **M 24-g.5.** R-5. 131.0 gns. Fine. Dark brown. Uniformly granular, heavily so on reverse. States as Taylor:2449; ~~M 25-b. R-3. 137.4 gns. Strong Fine. Dark golden brown. Both sides granular. Edge damaged at 3 and 9 o'clock obverse. States as Taylor:2451.~~ 3 pieces. 143.00

PINE TREE "BROWN UNIV" MAY 21, 1976

530 1787. M.24-g.5 (R-6). **Good.** Everything readable, tops of ET LIB and bottom of final 7 in date just off flan. Slightly rough, rust colored with brighter high surfaces. See 1975 E. A. C. lot 134 $15

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

D. MITUZAS DR. HALL

1401 1787 Miller 24-g.5 (R-5). 160 grains. Draped bust left, somewhat off center with CONNEC at edge, date largely off planchet. Smooth reddish-tan. Strong Fine. *Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection.* 385.00

FAIR FINE DECENT COLOR DATE OFF FLAN

HESSBERG

PINE TREE "GENA '76 SALE" OCT 1, 1976

30 1787. M. 24-g.5 (R-6). **Fine-Very Fine.** Some, but not pronounced weaknesses due to uneven strike. Grayish brown and slightly granular surfaces rubbed to brightness on design high points. Better struck and sharper than our E.A.C. coin, and the best offered in recent years. See 1975 E.A.C. lot 134 $50

PINE TREE "BREEN III" JUNE 19, 1978

228 **1787 Draped Bust Left. M. 24-g.5** (R-6). **Fine-Very Fine.** Some, but not pronounced weaknesses due to uneven strike. Grayish brown and slightly granular surfaces rubbed to brightness on design high points. Better struck and sharper than our E.A.C. coin, and the best offered in recent years. See 1975 E.A.C. lot 134. **($35-50)** $30

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5393 1787 Connecticut copper. M24-g.5. Draped Bust left. 138.4 grains. Rarity-5. G-6, edge dented at 8:00 on the obverse. Fairly typical condition for the variety, however. Pale golden brown and green. *Ex Ryder Collection. Henry Chapman stock envelope accompanies this lot.* 33.00

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRANDE RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

1180 1787 Connecticut copper. M 24-g.5. Draped Bust Left. 128.5 grains. Rarity-5. VG-8. Golden brown. Reverse porous. flan laminated over first I. Edge clipped from 1:00 to 3:00. Miller attribution number painted in yellow in the left obverse field. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2449. 110

UNEVEN STRIKE

Ex Hays, Ryder collections. U.S. Coin Co. auction envelope numbered "946," accompanies this lot. Called "Poor" by Ryder.

24-g.5

BOWER'S 'RARE COIN REVIEW' #14 APRIL, 1972
1787 Draped bust left. 24-g.5 (R-4). Fair $8.00; Abt. Good 10.00

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 13, 1994
19 1787 Draped Bust Left. M.25-g.5 (R-5). Planchet clip as made. Very Good; ~~M.30-n.1 (Low R-6). Good or better; M.31.2-r.3. Faint porosity, boldly detailed.~~ 3 pieces. SOLD AS IS. NO RETURNS.

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989
24-g.5 1787 R6
24-g.5 1787 F/P R6 Poor to good?

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
24-G.5 10869 (10) VERY GOOD (10)

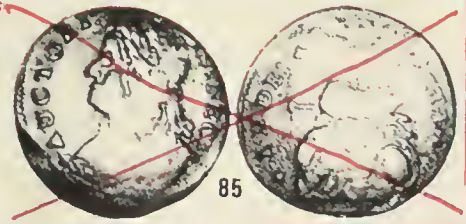
ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.24-g.5
GOOD

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985
74) 1787 M.24-g.5 Good/Very Good. Smooth light chocolate brown with a few scattered tiny rom nicks on reverse. Obverse details Very Good or better, reverse weaker. (No Provenance)
75) 1787 M.24-g.5 Good/Very Good. Smooth dark brown. Obverse details very good, reverse somewhat weaker resulting in date being barely legible. White ink attribution. (No Provenance)

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST FEB 4, 1981
52 1787 Draped Bust Left, M.24-g.5, R-6. Very Fine, weakly struck with date missing 50.00

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989
85 1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 24-g.5. Draped Bust Left. High Rarity 5. 131.3 grains. Fine. Both sides are slightly off center, so that the top of the obverse and the entire date are off the planchet. This variety is notorious for weak, uneven strikes, and this piece is no exception. There is considerable weakness at the lower obverse and the top of the reverse, though none of the legends are affected. Though not too high in grade, this specimen is still probably within the Condition Census. An extremely rare variety, we can trace less than a dozen examples appearing at auction in the last 60 years! The EAC '75 coin was a weak Very Fine, but, nevertheless, the finest we have ever seen. The Taylor piece was an extremely porous Very Good and the Norweb coin was only Fine. There was no example of this variety in aby condition in the Oechsner sale. This is a variety that will, undoubtedly, be appreciated by the serious Connecticut specialist.....$149

The Connecticut copper series offers many varieties that are completely unknown in grades higher than Fine or Very Fine. In such instances, the collector is forced to either add a specimen in a less-than-ideal grade, or to never include an example of that variety. In this cataloguers opinion, the former option is the better of the two.



BOWER'S 'M.H.S. SALE' NOV 18, 1994
3210 1787 M 24-g.5. Draped Bust Left. VG-8, perhaps marginally finer. Rarity-5. 155.2 grains. Struck slightly off center, affecting very little of the obverse design, but just the bottoms of ET LIB show on the reverse. Well worn, but mostly free of contact marks save for a tiny dig before Liberty's face on the reverse. 88

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976
69 1787 Draped Bust Left M #24-g.5 (High R-6) Crosses and dashes in legends. VERY GOOD-10, slightly off center. Dark with normal planchet flaws. 20

BOWER'S 'TUCORE SALE' OCT 1, 1976
590 1787 Draped Bust Left. 24-g.5 (R-4). ET-LIB. Very Good. 15

HENRY C. MILLER SALE' MAY 26-29, 1920
1.60 1904 1787. Cr. 24-G. (5) R. 3. G. & VG. 2 pcs.

1787 M.24-g.5 "Double Struck" First struck 20% off center. Second strike normal and centered. Very Fine (30). Few scattered pit-like defects at rims. Light brown color. ~~Condition census.~~ POSSIBLY FINEST KNOWN? R. MARTIN COLLECTION VIA: NORMAN PULLEN, AUGUST 1977. WHT. 168.6 GRAINS

MIKE RINGO LIST JUNE 1987
20. 1787 DBL, M.24-g.5. Fine, smooth dark brown planchet, weakly struck on the right side. Finer than the Taylor example..... 75.00

24-g.5

SEE COIN GALLERIES SALE 7/22/92 LOT #2648

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #8 SPRING 1993

CONDITION CENSUS
MILLER 24-g.5

PICKET REFERENCE SALE

94 1787 Connecticut, Miller 24-g.5 High Rarity-5 [possibly a full Rarity-6] 131.0 grains Choice Fine, nearly of Very Fine quality, the obverse especially sharp Dark, slightly matte like brown surfaces, with a number of small natural roller marks in the planchet, mainly on the reverse (those were there before the coin was struck, and are completely natural), though without any major flaws other than honest circulation The legends are mostly complete (ET is weak on the reverse), while the date is almost completely gone Nicer than anything else to come along in years, and certainly IN THE CONDITION CENSUS for the variety! The EAC '75 coin was a weak Very Fine, but still probably the finest known of the variety, while the Norweb coin was Fine, the Taylor piece was a porous VG and the two ANS coins are only G/VG; the variety was completely missing from the Oechsner sale and the offering of the Perkins duplicates. The Dr. Hall-Hessberg coin was a VG/Fine and still realized a winning bid of $385! The reason that these collections—all formed by quality conscious collectors—didn't have better specimens is that they simply don't exist! Most likely, the accepted rarity rating will prove low, as it is almost never offered for sale in any grade. A coin to be appreciated by the Connecticut specialist, all at a price under what the lower grade Hessberg coin realized—how can you go wrong on this one?.....$219

The Condition Census appears to be as follows

1) The 1975 EAC coin, weak Very Fine
2) Private collection, weak Very Fine
3) Private collection, Very Fine
4) The present coin, nearly Very Fine
5) The 1976 EAC coin, later offered in Pine Tree's 6/78 sale, Fine/Very Fine, cleaned
6) The Norweb specimen, Fine or slightly better, quadruple struck, with three of the strikes being partial brockages! A weird coin!
7) The Dr. Hall-Hessberg coin, Fine/Very Good, at $385.

As noted above, the remaining specimens all appear to be in low grades, the Turoff coin a VG, the Taylor piece a porous VG, the two ANS coins G/VG and the two ex Miller coins graded by Elder as G and VG. The piece offered in our first price list proved to be a Miller 24-FF as noted above

STARK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

140 1787 ~~M.9-R. MBL. "1787/1788," IND-ET-LIB. R-5. Very Good, flawed. 137.5 gns. Miller number in a fine hand on obverse; M.15-F. Another. Very Good/Strong Fine. Hall attribution ("15/F") in a fine hand on obverse;~~ M.24-g.5. DBL.-R-5 (probably underrated and maybe R-6). Very Good, edge hammered around. 145.7 gns. Miller number in a fine hand on obverse. 3 pieces.

170 170 187

STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

60 1787 M.24-g.5. DBL. R-5. **Fine**, or a bit nicer, small flaws both sides, many old and faded scratches. 146.1 gns. Light brown and dark green. Hall attribution number painted on obverse. Nearly a CC coin: nicer than 9 of the 19 specimens we have seen, the finest being a Choice AU but all the rest VF or lower.

DON VAUGHLAND FOR CLIENT

Round card ticket with circle H accompanies this lot.

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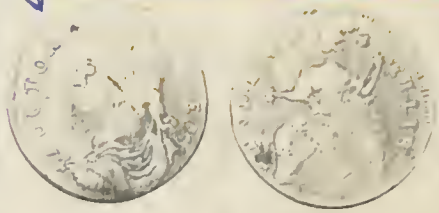

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ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #9 SUMMER, 1994

146 1787 Connecticut, Miller 24-g.5. High Rarity-5. 109.8 grains. A tough coin to grade. Details of at least Fine where struck up, though quite weak at the top of the obverse and corresponding part of the reverse. About 3/4 of the legends visible on either side, the date is off the planchet due to centering. Golden brown but extensively pockmarked [i.e. the planchet was cut from a poorly treated section of strip], which presents even more grading headaches. Believe it or not, the color is still quite nice and goes a little way towards mitigating whatever other problems the coin has, and the entire effect is not as unattractive as the description makes it sound. A very tough variety to find in any grade [and one of the ones that might be going up in rarity a notch], and the vast majority just seem to exist in low grades—Taylor's was a porous VG, the Dr. Hall-Hessberg piece was VG/Fine, and the two ANS coins are just G/VG; the finest known example appears to still be the '75 EAC coin which was a weak VF! Sure to be on the want lists of a number of collectors, especially at this price level!.....$49

24-g.5

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

132 1787 Connecticut. Miller 24-g.5. High Rarity-5. 151.8 grains. Nearly Fine, though with the typical erratic strike associated with the variety, making the reverse appear more like Good. The obverse is weak at CTORI as well as the effigy's face, though everything else is visible. The reverse has a weak ET LIB but no other legend or date visible; this type of strike is typical for the variety. Gorgeous light brown surfaces, hard and extremely clean for the grade, much better looking than normally found and free of the rough surfaces that seem to plague the issue. This is a difficult variety to find in any grade and seems not to exist choice. Taylor's was a porous VG, the Dr. Hall-Hessberg coin was a VG/Fine and the pair in the ANS are both just G/VG, drastically underscoring just what the average grade of the variety is! The finest we know of is still the EAC '75 coin, a weak VF. If you're holding out for a "first rate" example of this variety, you may never fill that hole. While this one is weak, it has outstanding color and surfaces and is certainly a good buy at just.....$69

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

152 1787 Connecticut. Miler 24-g.5. High Rarity-5. 128.4 grains. Very Good or so, unevenly struck. The obverse legends are nearly full, just missing the I of AUCTORI. The reverse only has a trace of the legends but, oddly enough, a full date. Dark brown surfaces, rough and with some obverse scratches and rim scrapes visible on either side, though all are toned down to the color of the surfaces and thus not as glaring. A difficult variety to find in any grade, and a variety that seemingly does not exist choice. We note that the Taylor piece was a porous VG, the Dr. Hall - Hessberg coin was VG/Fine and the two ANS coins are both G/VG. The finest example known appears to still be the EAC '75 coin, which was a weak VF. Collectors holding out for "first rate" examples of some varieties are destined to never fill certain holes in their collection!.....$19

24-FF

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

135 1787. M. 24-EF. R-7. Four crosses and ET-LIB, only the first dashed. **Many details Very Fine,** others weaker (especially upper crosses and Ms. Liberty's head and pole hand); fields dark and rough, details lighter thanks to cleaning; usual planchet flaws. **Extremely rare;** we know two worn ones in ANS plus the Dr. Hall and Miller coins, and have heard of three others in more worn state, two of these the Good and G-VG pieces in the Bowers list (listed at $100), another the "VF" Appleton-MHS (1970, lot 140) example, not nearly as much detail visible as on the present coin. **(Photo)**
$225 ($375.-up)

$225

'EAC '75'

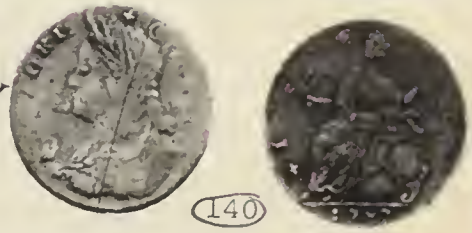
135

SEE BLACK & WHITE PHOTO
DAVID PALMER COLLECTION 1994

STACK'S MASS. HIST. SOC. OCT 23. 1970

MHS'

(140) **1787 Miller 24-FF.** Very Fine. Rarity 6. A weakly struck coin but of excessive rarity. AUCT and NEC are very weak but the bust, especially the upper part is strong. The reverse only has strength at the lower portion which is very clear including a strong date. A variety that is lacking in many collections. The obverse is smooth and the reverse somewhat granular - dark brown. **PLATE** $55 —



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PINE TREE "BROWN UNIV" MAY 21, 1976

531 **1787. M. 24-FF.** (R-7). **VF overall.**
$20 Some regions of detail are weak to missing because of die failure (final C of CONNEC and lower rt. obv.; ET L and Ms. Liberty's left arm). Brassy greenish yellow color. Large planchet flaw in rim obliterates part of 8 and all of final 7 in date. Still, this coin has more detail and better sharpness than our 1975 E. A. C. sale lot 135, which sold for $225

BOWER'S "KRUGJOHANN SALE" MAY 14-15, 1976

43 1787 Connecticut. Draped bust left. Miller 24-FF. Exceedingly rare (R-6) variety. G-VG.
35

1787 Draped bust left. 24-FF (R-6). A R-6 coin which is virtually unobtainable in higher grades. Pick one of these two: Good $49.00; G-VG R.C.R. #14 . . APR., 1972 . . . . . 100.00

RARE COIN REVIEW #7 SEPT., 1970

1787 Draped bust left. 24-FF. (R-6). Fair R.C.R. #7 . SEPT, 1970. 19.00

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (DARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

24-FF	1787		R7	
24-FF	1787	G+/G+	R7	Dark. Scratches & pits both
24-FF	1787	F/F-	R7	Overstruck by NJ 17-b:

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

76) 1787 M.24-FF Most details of Very Fine although others weaker and obscured. Unevenly struck resulting in "NEC" on obverse, and "ET-LIB" on corresponding reverse being obscured. Curved clip at 1 o'clock affecting cross before "CONNEC" on obverse and date on reverse. Smooth light chocolate brown. White ink attribution. (No Provenance)

77) 1787 M.24-FF Very Good. Struck slightly off center resulting in tops of wreath and cross after wreath on obverse, and bottom 1/3 of date to be struck off flan. Smooth light brown. White ink attribution on obverse fields. (No Provenance)

EX ROSA AMERICANA FPL #13 (1998) LOT #193 AS VF
NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

70 1787 Draped Bust Left M #24-FF (R-7) VERY GOOD-8, light obverse scratches.
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24-FF

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION 6-20-91

DR. THOMAS HALL'S OWN MILLER 24-FF.

DR. HALL

HESSBERG

1,050
1,050

Lot No. 1399

SCRATCHES CONTRASTING COLOR

1399 **1787** Miller 24-FF (~~R-7~~ R-6). 153 grains. Draped bust left, reverse shows four crosses or quatrefoils, only the first flanked by dashes. The cataloguer of the Pine Tree-EAC sale of 1975 knew positively of only four examples, one of which was this coin, formerly in the great Dr. Thomas Hall collection and bearing his meticulous white-ink attribution numbers on its edge. Other pieces were only rumored. Fully round, three obverse scratches, remarkably detailed overall with fairly strong raised rims. Dark brown fields highlight the light tan reliefs.

$1,155

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

200-
400-

Lot No. 2134

2134 **1787 M.24-FF. DBL.** Very Good overall. **Low Rarity 7.** 170.5 grains. Dark golden brown, once cleaned. Obverse patches of active verdigris; reverse heavily scraped in center. Peripheral legends very soft on reverse, partial on obverse, probably from late states but this unverified due to the paucity of observations taken. **Very rare:** we have records of only nine examples including this one (See *Coin Galleries'* July, 1992 sale for the roster), three of which are permanently impounded. George Perkins wrote regarding this coin *"An acceptable specimen. . . one is fortunate to have an example of this rare Connecticut."* Even the Taylor Collection lacked one!

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Ex Jack Bayer's **Coin World** *list of December 4, 1985.*

BOWER'S 'M.H.S. SALE' NOV 18, 1994

1787 M 24-FF Rarity

3211 **1787 M 24-FF.** Draped Bust Left. VG-10. Low Rarity-7. 151.4 grains. A rare and elusive variety, a die combination that was not present in such specialized collections as Taylor, Roper, and Oechsner. Finer than the Picker reference:2649 (Stack's, July 1992) specimen. Struck on an unusually shaped flan (see photo above), which should serve to identify this specimen to specialists in the field. A few minor flan flaws, seemingly typical for this great rarity. A prize for the advanced Connecticut copper specialist.

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SEE ROSA AMERICANA FPL #8 SPRING 1993

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

1787 Miller 24-FF

OLD SCRATCHES REV.

Low Rarity-7

GOOD/FAIR

*2649 **1787 M 24-FF.** DBL. **Low R-7.** 159.4 gns. Very Good/About Good. Heavy lamination at base of obverse (on flan before striking) accounting for lack of definition at top of reverse. Golden brown high points, darker fields. Both sides granular and pitted, reverse rim flaw beside B. Several edge dents. Slightly bent, as made, the flan deforming due to lack of metal at base of obverse. **Rare,** missing from most of the great sales of Connecticut coppers recently, including Garrett, Taylor, Oechsner, and Norweb. We can account for the following specimens: this coin; Stack's/MHS(10/70):140, VF, to Richard Picker, later sold privately; Pine Tree EAC(2/75):135, VF; Pine Tree/Brown (5/76):531, VF, flawed; Stack's/Hessberg (6/91):1399, not graded, VF, ex Hall; ANS Collection, two pieces, VF and VG; Colonial Newsletter Foundation, ex Barnsley, host coin for a VF 1786 New Jersey Maris 17-b; private collection, VG; private collection, P/AG; private collections, three to four specimens, not seen or graded.

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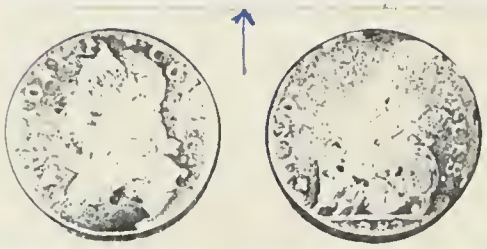

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1787 M. 24-FF MISATTRIBUTED AS 24-g.5

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

85 **1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 24-~~g.5~~. Draped Bust Left. High Rarity 5. 131.3 grains. Fine.** Both sides are slightly off center, so that the top of the obverse and the entire date are off the planchet. ~~This variety is notorious for weak, uneven strikes,~~ and ~~this piece is~~ no ~~exception~~. There is considerable weakness at the lower obverse and the top of the reverse, though none of the legends are affected. Though not too high in grade, ~~this specimen is still probably within the Condition Census. An extremely rare variety, we can trace less than a dozen examples appearing at auction in the last 60 years! The EAC '75 coin was a weak Very Fine, but, nevertheless, the finest we have ever seen. The Taylor piece was an extremely porous Very Good and the Norweb coin was only Fine. There was no example of this variety in any condition in the Oechsner sale. This is a variety that will, undoubtedly, be appreciated by the serious Connecticut specialist~~.....$149

TO DAVE MENCHELL

The Connecticut copper series offers many varieties that are completely unknown in grades higher than Fine or Very Fine. In such instances, the collector is forced to either add a specimen in a less-than-ideal grade, or to never include an example of that variety. In this cataloguer's opinion, the former option is the better of the two.

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SEE ENLARGED PHOTO

DAVE MENCHELL COLLECTION

ROSA AMERICANA FALL & SPRING 1993

EXTREMELY RARE MILLER 24-FF

92 1787 Connecticut, Miller 24-FF Low Ranty-7 159.4 grains Very Good/Good, an obverse lamination causing a lack of detail at the top of the reverse, accounting for the split grade assigned to the piece, where struck up the reverse is just as sharp as the obverse Even with the reverse weakness, which is mostly confined to Ms Liberty's head, the legends and date are complete Medium brown surfaces, the fields a bit darker than the devices, presenting an attractive two-tone effect There are a few small handling marks on either side, perfectly consistent with the grade A very rare variety, missing from almost every major sale of Connecticut coppers, including Garrett, Taylor (one of the few varieties he was lacking!), Norweb and Oechsner This coin is from the Richard Picker reference collection [Coin Galleries, July, 1992, lot #2649], though it looks much better in person than in the plate Obviously the nicest—or perhaps the only—specimen that Picker was able to find! Although the Perkins duplicate in Stack's March, 1992 sale is graded a bit higher, we think this coin to be more appealing as the legends and date are full, there are no areas of verdigris or scratches and the coin has never been cleaned, rare enough as a variety that Perkins himself stated that " one is fortunate to have an example of this rare Connecticut " All known specimens of this variety seem to have problems of one sort or another—even the otherwise choice Dr Hall coin had heavy obverse scratches and still realized a price in four figures! An extremely rare variety—with two or three specimens impounded in museum collections and five others that are in large private collections that probably won't be sold for years, when will the opportunity to add this variety to your collection come along again? Another rare piece for the Connecticut specialist, and with less than a dozen specimens existent in all grades, we would be surprised if we didn't receive multiple orders for this lot! $599

We know of the following specimens of this variety

1) The Dr Hall-Hessberg coin, Very Fine, scratched

2) The EAC '75 coin, Very Fine, dark and rough and once cleaned

3) The MHS coin, Stack's 10-70 sale, Very Fine weak reverse granular

4) The ANS collection coin Very Fine unevenly struck and with a planchet clip

5) Brown Library Pine Tree 5-76, Fine/Very Fine flawed

6) A specimen from our first price list, lot 85, Fine Ms attributed as a 24-g 5 and only recently correctly attributed by an alert collector Now in a large New York collection, this time correctly attributed!

7) The present coin, Very Good or so, ex Richard Picker's reference collection

8) Another ANS coin, Very Good, slightly off center

9) The Perkins coin, Very Good, scratched and with verdigris

10) Private collection Poor/About Good

10 1/2) Kind of A specimen in the CNL Reference collection, ex Neil Barnsley which is a host coin for a 1786 New Jersey copper, Maris 17-b

24-FF

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

DOUBLE STRUCK M.24-FF · OBVERSE TWO GRAINY

675-
1000-
1100-

DON MITUZAS

216 1787 CONNECTICUT M.24-FF DBL (Low R-7) DOUBLE STRUCK VF20 138.1 gns. A true rarity in the Connecticut series, and almost certainly unique as a double strike. Further, it is a dramatic double strike and it is reasonably strong and attractive relative to most others known of this variety. Generally light brown, each side with consistent light porosity which though pervasive is thin and fine enough not to obscure or significantly blur any features. The planchet itself is slightly rough at the top of the obverse. Each side has one tiny void flaw, on the obverse towards the upper left and on the reverse towards the lower right. The primary obverse strike is struck about 35 to 40% low with TORI and CONN and part of E (along with the colon followed by dash cross dash punctuation) clear. The second strike is 25% higher rotated slightly to the left and shows a clear ORI, a vague partial outline of the head, and EC from the right legend. The reverse double strike is bolder. The upper strike consumes about two thirds of the planchet and is rotated to the left roughly 30% with a crisp date now lying just right and below the coin's center, with IN of INDE and the final B clear. The lower strike shows no date but has LIB plus the I and partial N of INDE. Other plated examples of M.24-FF include: the 2/75 Pine Tree/EAC VF lot 135 (rough fields and some cleaning), the 6/91 Stack's Hessberg/Hall VF lot 1399 (3 spoke wheel scratchs across the center), Stack's 10/70 Appleton/MHS VF lot 140 (uneven), Coin Galleries 7/92 Picker reference VG/AG (laminated, dents etc.), and Stack's 2/93 Perkins duplicate VG lot 2134 (perhaps under graded in comparison to earlier listed examples - active verdigris in pits, scraped etc.) . Non plated examples include Pine Tree's 5/76 J.C. Brown VF lot 531 (uneven, large rim flaw at date), a nice clipped and also uneven A.N.S. VF and another nice off center A.N.S. VG, plus the Colonial Newsletter Foundation has a (ex-Barnsley) VF NJ M.17-b overstruck on a M.24-FF. The latter three coins being in "museum" holdings will not likely become available to collectors. *Attribution for this coin is certain despite portions of both sides not being struck on the planchet. Here is a simple flow chart: The obverse provides clear views of the upper punctuation and ornamentation while the reverse has the lower punctuation and ornamentation. The only Connecticut obverses using that general pattern are M.17 and M.24, with the 17 obverse paired only with the g.3 reverse, which is quickly eliminated because the I of LIB is far too distant from the B. The 24 obverse comes only with the g.3, g.5, and FF reverse. The differences between the g.5 reverse and FF are more subtle (Oechsner has a great plated M.48-g.5 followed by a nice plated M.53-FF): they include the colon dots being closer together, the left colon dot being closer to the shield, I being closer to B, the letters of LIB progressively dropping lower, and the bottom of the staff ending over the I of 1787 rather than slightly to the right of it as on FF. Plus*

24-FF

SEE ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB. 1989 LOT # 85 MISATTRIBUTED AS 24-9.5 (PLATE)

1787 M.24-FF FINE. UNEVENLY STRUCK. → FP & #1 FEB, 1989 LOT # 85

DAVID MENCHELL COLLECTION VIA JEFF ROCK (ROSA AMERICANA)

1787 M.24-FF WHT.143.7 GRAINS BASICALLY FINE SEE COLOR PHOTO

DAVE PALMER COLLECTION

24-FF

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

THE EXTREMELY RARE MILLER 24-FF
ONE OF THE FINEST KNOWN EXAMPLES

The Richard F. Buckley Specimen

EX. NEW ENGLAND (BUCKLEY COLLECTION) JULY 23, 1976 LOT #70 AS VGF

193. 1787 Connecticut. Miller 24-FF. Low Rarity-7. 131.0 grains. Very Fine or so, some areas just a bit weaker than that grade level The obverse legend is strong and full, and the design details are easily of the VF level. The reverse is a bit weaker, with INDE strong but ET not visible. The date is almost fully on the planchet, quite unusual for the variety. Decent design detail on the reverse as well, really quite nice for the variety. Medium brown surfaces that have some very light surface roughness, which contrast nicely with the slightly lighter design details. There are a few ancient hairline scratches on the obverse that have toned down to the color of the surfaces and aren't really visible without a glass. A very rare variety, seldom found in ANY condition, this example is certainly well within the Condition Census for the variety. The finest known appears to be the Dr. Hall – Hessberg coin, a lovely VF that was unfortunately heavily scratched. The EAC '75 coin was a rough and cleaned VF, while the one in the Massachusetts Historical Society was a weak VF. The ANS collection has one in VF but it is unevenly struck and clipped. The example offered here would certainly be clustered with these examples at the high end of the census. The Picker piece was VG/AG but laminated and dented and the Perkins piece was probably Fine but heavily pitted To illustrate just how tough the variety is, we note that it was missing from such name sales as Taylor [one of the few varieties he lacked!], Garrett, Norweb, Oeschner, Roper and all of the various Ryder-Boyd-Ford offerings. Indeed, we are aware of just one relatively recent auction sales for the variety, the double struck piece in the 1996 C4 sale [optimistically graded VF, more realistically a dramatic Fine] which sold for $1,100 in very spirited bidding. Three examples of this variety are permanently impounded in museum holdings: two in the ANS [a weak VF and a off-center VG] and one in the CNL Reference collection, which is actually the UNDERTYPE for a 1786 New Jersey, Maris 17-b [this is ex Barnsley collection] The piece offered here is from the Richard F. Buckley collection, sold by New England Rare Coin Auctions in July, 1976 [this appeared as Lot #70]. This is the first example that we've handled since the VG/G coin on our Eighth price list – half a decade ago! It's an extremely rare issue, and obviously on a lot of want lists from specialists in the series. As George Perkins noted when his duplicate coin was sold by Stack's, "...one is fortunate to have an example of this rare Connecticut." Unfortunately, only one collector will be fortunate enough to own this pleasing, pedigreed example!.....$1199

Accompanied by the lot ticket from the Buckley collection.

STACK'S PHILADELPHIA AMERICANA SALE 9/24/2009 LOT # 4076

1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 24-FF. W-3080. Rarity-7-. Draped Bust Left. Fine-12. SOLD $977.50

Flattened and slightly bent. The surfaces show some minor roughness and pitting in localized areas. Attractive light brown in color generally, with some deeper patches, minor edge clip at the 3 o'clock position with a ragged edge. Relatively smooth on the worn areas and much better than one might expect. A formidable rarity with perhaps 10 known in all, this one clearly identifiable with sharp diagnostics. Most known examples have less than perfect surfaces, this one certainly better than a few of this tiny group from these dies.

STACK'S PHILADELPHIA AMERICANA SALE 9/24/2009 LOT # 4077

1787 Connecticut copper. Miller 24-FF. W-3080. Rarity-7-. Draped Bust Left. Sharpness of Good obverse, Fair reverse. SOLD $207.00

Porous and rather even with a couple of minor scrapes and a small patch of corrosion. As is so often the case, the rarer the die pairing, the more impaired the surfaces. Still a very tough issue to find.

24-FF

1787 24-FF Fine Overall, Legends Partially Obscured, Some Light Porosity
Ex Ebay Item #330154605508 08/12/2007. Removed From Sale.

PINE TREE 'EAC 175 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

122* 1787, M. 25-b. R-4. Upper rev. crosses dashed; B lacks lower serif. **Most all details of Extremely Fine sharpness, others struck weaker; surfaces richly mottled brown consistent with Extremely Fine grade;** no significant nicks or scratches; only very minor planchet defects. Attribution on face. **Second in our experience only to the unlocated Crosby Plate coin,** slightly less sharply struck; superior to lot 166 of the Merkin Oct. 1973 sale, or any other auctioned to our knowledge. **(Photo) ($150.–up)** $125 —

$125

Bids accepted by mail only.

EAC 175

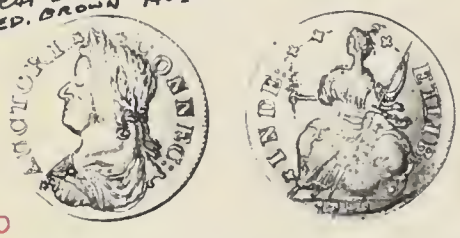
122

1787 M 25-b

Uncirculated—Finest Known

TAYLOR

NO MINT RED BUT GREAT DETAIL NICE MED. BROWN AU55++



$2,530

2451 **1787 Connecticut. M 25-b. Draped Bust Left.** 147.5 grains R-3. **MS-60 the finest known.** Incredible glossy, even golden brown color. Exceptionally sharply struck, particularly at the base of the obverse and top of the reverse. Individual drapery lines on the obverse and across Miss Liberty's torso, even the fingers of her left hand are sharply struck up. Some areas of faded mint red on the reverse. Center of the effigy's head and lower portion of Liberty's figure and shield granular. Superior to any specimen of this combination seen, including the outstanding example reproduced by Sylvester Crosby (Plate V, No. 17). A perfect coin for the ultimate colonial "type" collection.

From Stack's sale of November 1950. TO D. PARTRICK

PINE TREE "BROWN UNIV" MAY 21, 1976

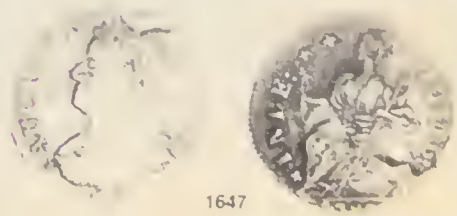
532 **1787. M. 25-b (R-4). VF sharpness.**

$50 —

Flan has slightly uneven appearance (obv. indented in back of King Conn's head and rev. bulged in region opposite with concomitant light wear upon the bulge). Letters and date bold and clear. Even "milk chocolate" brown. Refer to 1975 E. A. C. lot 122 at $125.

KAGINS SALE #313 SEPT 29-30, 1978

1647 1787 M 25-b (R-4) Eg. Let & Date THIRD FINEST KNOWN! EF-40 with lt chestnut brown colouring. One planchet flaw on obv. above head, rev. at 1 o'clock. Exceptionally sharp. Attribution on side of face. Better than Crosby plate coin and equal to Pine Tree EAC coin. EX Miller Coll. Lovely. PLATE 170 —



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BOWER'S 'NORWEB II' MARCH 25, 1988 25-b

1787 M 25-b

Second Finest Known

SEE CROSBY PLATE

NORWEB

CROSBY PLATE

NICE BROWN AU55

$3,520 —

2519 **1787 Connecticut. M 25-b. AU-55 to MS-60.** Rarity-3. 137.2 grains. 28.2mm. 180°. Perfect, glossy dark brown. Exceptional sharpness, more so than even the Taylor coin. Obverse type from to 8:00 to 10:30; reverse type from 6:00 to 7:30. Fully struck up centers (the Taylor coin was soft in the centers). Later obverse state than the Taylor coin, with a break from the highest leaf of the wreath around the circumference to the denticle over O of CONNEC. The second finest known to us, surpassed (barely) by Taylor 2451. Possibly the Crosby plate coin (V, XVII)—but Crosby used casts and so certainty is impossible. Unpedigreed earlier than its purchase by Mrs. Norweb.

Purchased privately from New Netherlands Coin Company, on September 9, 1955.

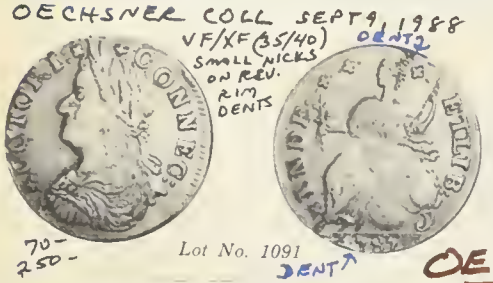
BOWERS "TUROFF SALE" OCT 1, 1976

591 **1787 Draped Bust Left. 25-b (R-3).** Extremely Fine or better. Lightly struck at top of obverse and corresponding part of reverse. Slightly bent (and straightenable). One of the finest known specimens of this die variety. $45 —

25-b

OECHSNER COLL SEPT 9, 1988

VF/XF (35/40) DENT? SMALL NICKS ON REV. RIM DENTS



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Lot No. 1091 DENT?

OECHSNER

1091 1787 Miller 25-b. Draped bust left. 140.5 grains. **Extremely Fine**, two edge bruises (one affecting the 1 in the date). Medium brown and olive, a touch of red on the reverse.
275-

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' 7/22/92

2648 A Selection of 1787 DBL coppers. ~~M-22-g.2. Low R-6. 141.7 gns. Good. Dark golden brown. Both sides granular. Edge dent obverse 12 o'clock. Date area abraded. States as Taylor:2447, M-24-g.5. R-5. 131.0 gns. Fine. Dark brown. Uniformly granular, heavily so on reverse. States as Taylor:2449.~~ **M 25-b.** R-3. 137.4 gns. Strong Fine. Dark golden brown. Both sides granular. Edge damaged at 3 and 9 o'clock obverse. States as Taylor:2451. 3 pieces.
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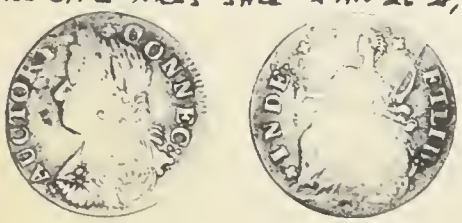
BOWERS "SIPE-NESS SALE" JAN 26-28, 1984



385 1787 Connecticut. *Draped Bust Left.* M25-b. Scarce issue. Obverse lettering larger than usual. Interesting variety with ornamentation in the angles of the first and third crosses. Fine to Very Fine. Date not visible. 55 —

PINE TREE "GENA '76 SALE" OCT 1, 1976

31 **1787.** M. 25-b (R-4). **Fine-Very Fine** in sharpness. Brown patina with lighter highlights. Rather vigorously cleaned long ago with many criss-cross pin scratches, but these are only detectable under close examination. Refer to lot 122 in our 1975 E.A.C. sale. 28 00
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227 **1787 Draped Bust Left. M. 25-b** (R-4). **Fine-Very Fine** in sharpness. Brown patina with lighter highlights. Rather vigorously cleaned long ago with many criss-cross pin scratches, but these are only detectable under close examination. Refer to lot 122 in our 1975 E.A.C. sale. EX LOT # 31 10/76 $28.00 **($20-30)**
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PINE TREE "BREEN III, JUNE 19, 1978 10.00

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300-

$330 — BOWER'S "G. HATIE SALE" AUG 3-5, 1983.

122 1787 Draped bust. Miller 25-b. Large letters. With dots in the angles of the first cross. Interesting punctuation variety. Very Fine or better. Some lightness of striking at EC and corresponding part of the reverse. Light brown planchet.

D. LINETT MAIL BID SALE #2 AUG, 1985

238. As above. Miller 25-B. (R-4). Choice Extremely Fine. Even brown. Sharp except for the right obverse and the corresponding reverse. $500

BOWER'S "RARE COIN REVIEW #41, NOV, 1981

1787 Connecticut copper. Draped bust left, large letters. Miller 25-b (R-4). Dots in angles of first cross on obverse, dashes in angles of third, B in LIB missing lower serif **Strong Very Fine,** weak at right rims. Richly mottled brown, no defects. Sharper than the 1975 EAC sale piece, Lot 122, called "EF" and "second in our experience only to the unlocated Crosby plate coin". 435.00

BOWER'S 'CHRIS' SCHENKEL' SALE 'NOV 14, 1990 #5671

☆ M.25-b.

Rarity-3. VG-8/G-6. 129.8 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2451. (Total: 9 pieces) 1 OF 9 PIECES

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

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BOWER'S 'RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APR, 1972

1787 Draped bust left. 25-b (R-3). Good $11.00; Fine #14 4/72. 23.00

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

25-b 1787 F-/F- R4 Dark; lettering clear both s

25-b 1787 VG/G

25-b 1787 R4

25-b

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985
78) 1787 M.25-b Very Fine-25 Smooth glossy tan with darker mottlings.

L. MERKIN SALE' OCT 31, 1973
166 — 1787 Miller 25-b, Rarity 3. VF. An excellent sharp even strike, well centered, full date. Most interesting punctuation obverse and reverse. All details very sharp and clear.
46-

PAUL KAGIN LIST, APR, 198
1787 DBI M 25-b Rarity 4-Ex Dr Hall, Brand. Very fine obverse Fine reverse 95.00

BOWER'S 'LANDMARK COLL' MARCH 20, 1989
5106 1787 Connecticut copper. M 25-b. F-15. 138.6 grains. Pale golden brown. Planchet somewhat striated. Minor planchet cutter clip at 1:00 on the obverse. Overall, die states equivalent to Taylor:2451.
66- UNEVEN STRIKE F/VG

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 197
1181 1787 Connecticut copper. M 25-b. Draped Bust Left 126.3 grains. Rarity-3. VG-8/6. Pale golden brown. Reverse scraped at 10:00. Minor rim clip. States equivalent to Taylor:2451. GOOD ONLY
38.00
Ex Ryder Collection. Ticket and envelope accompany this lot. Called "Poor" by Ryder.
REV. WORN

NEW NETHERLAND'S 44TH SALE JUNE 23, 1954
47 1787. Draped bust l. Miller Nos. ~~19-g4~~, 25-b, ~~28-o (Rarity 6), 33½-Z¹⁸ (R-5)~~, ~~33³³ Z³ (R-4)~~. Fine to V. Fine (1) group, the second unusuolly nice. ~~The exceedingly rare M. 28-o was lacking in the celebrated Dr. Hall collection, but is the least attractive of the lot, and has two reverse scratches near the left edge~~. 5 Pcs. 23.00

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.25-b
VERY GOOD

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976
71 1787 Draped Bust Left M #25-b (R-4) FINE-12, weak date. Lightly cleaned.
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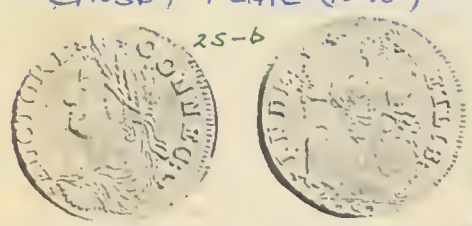
BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988
LOT# 2512 M 25-b. F-12.
Rarity-3. 147.9 grains. 28.2mm. 195°. Dark golden brown, with iridescent highlights;
1 OF 10 PIECES NORWEB

BOWER'S 'M. COHEN SALE' JAN 24-26, 1985
2321 Pair of Connecticut coppers: 1787 Draped Bust Left, Miller 25-b. Very Fine *except* for an extensive series of minute parallel scratches on the center of the obverse; 1 OF 2 PIECES

HENRY C. MILLER SALE' MAY 26-29, 1920
2.25 1905 1787. C. 25-B. Obv. Head l. AUCTORI : . . CONNEC : Rx. . INDE : . . ET LIB : V. Fine. Rarity 5. Plate.
.10 2117 1787. ~~C. 22-G (1)~~, 25 B and 25 B(1). G. 4 pcs.

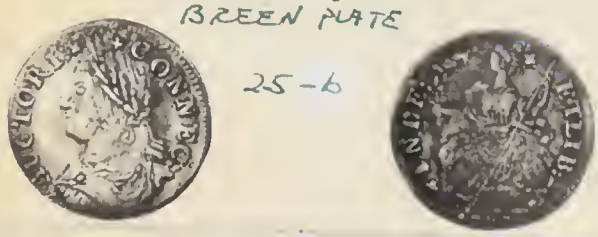
CROSBY PLATE (1875)
25-b

SEE NORWEB SALE LOT# 2519 3-25-88

N. PULLEN LIST 1978
1787 M 25-B, R4 VF $ 85.

BOWER'S P. WILLIAMS' SEPT 27-29, 1979
1296 ~~Five~~ 1787 Connecticuts. Draped bust left. ~~(1) 24-g.3, R-5, Good-4~~; (2) 25-b. R-4. Fine-12; ~~(3) 25-m. R-5. AG-3, (4) 26-AA. R-3. AG-3; (5) 26-kk.1. R-4. Good-4~~. (Total: 5 pieces)

MID-AMERICAN 'G.N.A.' "FC" SALE MAY 24, 1986
1124 1787 Miller 25-b. Rarity 4. Very Good. ~~Nice [illegible] dark brown and tan planchet. 1787 Miller M.1-e.4. Rarity 2. Very Good, on a dark and lightly granular planchet. 1787 Miller M.1-gg.1. Rarity 3. Fine, and on an acceptable dark planchet. One of the popular "I-F-I-IR" varieties. A total of three coins with this~~
60-

BOWERS "BUCHENBACH-SMITH NOV 10-12, 1986
2719 Trio of Connecticut coppers. (1). 1787. M 6. I-M. "Laughing Head variety. VF-20, planchet flaws visible; (2). 1787. M 25-b. Also VF-20. The copper used to create this planchet was imperfectly melted resulting in numerous inclusions; (3). 1787. M 30-hh. I. Fine-12 once used as a button, shank visible on the reverse. (Total: 3 pieces) 198-

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA (1987)
802 1787 Crosses both sides. 7 vars. Very scarce. 133.3–150.2 grs. = 8.638–9.733 gms.
BREEN PLATE
25-b


COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988
1226 ~~1787 M.16.1 M. Draped bust left. Very Good. A large dig on the lower obverse~~; ~~M.19 g.4. Very Good, minor planchet faults~~; ~~M.22 g (R-5). About Good, heavily encrusted due to earth burial~~; M.25-b. Very Good, reverse porous; ~~M.30-hh.1. Good but porous, with reverse pinscratches~~ 5 pieces.
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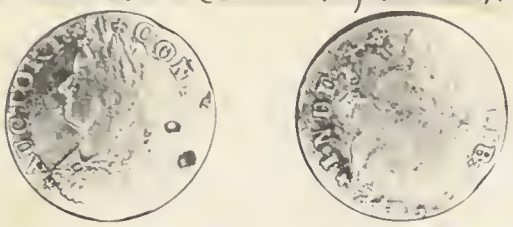
25-b

SAN DIEGO SHOW (D. LINETT) JAN 22, 1988



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414 1787 CONNECTICUT, M 25-b, Draped Bust Left, R-3, Very Fine. Light brown with very few planchet problems. A sharp strike highlights the obverse detail on all but the lower right. The reverse is also sharp but correspondingly weak near the top from Liberty's head to E. An insignificant planchet clip at 1:00 is mentioned for accuracy. A nice looking coin..... (175-225)

SEE ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #9 LOT #147 SUMMER 1994
BOWER'S "CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE" NOV 14, 1990

5394 1787 Connecticut copper. M25-b. Draped Bust left. 128.5 grains. Rarity-3. VG-8/G-6. Miller number inked in white on the obverse; stickered on the reverse. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2451, the finest known. *Ex Hays; Ryder Collections. Ticket and U.S. Coin Co. auction envelope accompany this lot.* 55.00

BOWER'S "CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE" NOV 14, 1990

5685 1787 M 25-b. Rarity-3. VF-20. 131.8 grains. Pale golden brown obverse, two tone reverse: golden brown and darker brown on the left periphery. States equivalent to Taylor:2451. CLEANED 88.00

BOWER'S "COMMODORE PERRY SALE" JAN 5, 1995

2240 1787 M 25-b. Draped Bust Left. F-12. Rarity-3. 133.4 grains. Microscopically porous mahogany surfaces with lighter tan on the high points. 82.50

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" 6-20-91

MINT STATE MILLER 25-b, PROBABLY THE FINEST KNOWN ?

AMONG FINEST?

AU+ ONLY

DR. HALL

750-
2400-

Lot No. 1402 (Enlarged)

LAMINATION

D. PARTRICK

1402 **1787** Miller 25-b. 148 grains. Draped bust left, splendid deeply glossy surfaces as those of the Taylor coin once called finest known, but a noticeably more meticulous strike including full reverse center details. Full drapery festoons appear below pole, globe displays fine incuse lines and date is completely on planchet. There is no trace of the familiar granularity anywhere on this altogether amazing coin! **Mint State. SEE COLOR PLATE** AU+ 2,640.00

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection.

STACK'S ANS BENEFIT AUCTION NOV 17, 1993

MINT STATE MILLER 25B

Probably Finest Known

EX. HESSBURG

HALL

2400-
3750-

Lot No. 102

TO DON PARTRICK

AU+ RICH BROWN LAMINATION

102 **1787 M.25-b. DBL.** R-3. From our sale of the Edward Hessberg Collection, June 20, 1991, lot 1402, where it was described further as ". . .splendid deeply glossy surfaces as those of the Taylor coin once called finest known, but a noticeably more meticulous strike including full reverse center details. Full drapery festoons appear below pole, globe displays fine incuse lines and date is completely on planchet. There is no trace of the familiar granularity anywhere on this altogether amazing coin! **Mint State.**"

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall Collection.

Anonymous gift.

STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

56 **1787 ~~M.19-g.4. DBL.~~** ~~R-3. About Very Fine, soft and a bit granular. 146.3 gns. Dark and golden brown. Reverse bulge beginning above date;~~ **M.25-b. DBL.** R-3. Very Good, very granular, dark ruddy brown. 138.5 gns. Old scratches. 2 pieces. 65 / 65 / 71.00

~~*The first with an otherwise undistinguished round card ticket.*~~

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

153 **1787 M.25-b. DBL.** R-3. Strong Very Fine, light brown obverse, two-tone reverse toning. 131.8 gns. A little granular top of obverse, partial date only, small reverse flaw. Overall, a good example; ~~**M.29.2-o. DBL. High R-6.** Strong Fine/Very Good. 140.6 gns. Very typical grade for this previously underrated variety; of the 16 we have recorded 12 grade VG-F; **M.30-hh.1. DBL.** R-2. ET LIR. Fine, many hidden obverse scratches, rim dents. 150.3 gns.~~ 3 pieces. 20 / 220 / 242

SEE "MCCAULEY & GRELLMAN" C & GRIFFEE SALE" OCT 21, 1995 LOT #146

1787 25-b VERY FINE (20-25). STRUCK SLIGHTLY OFF-CENTER. TOPS OF AUCTORI OFF FLAN. SMOOTH MEDIUM BROWN. WHT. 143.4 GRAINS. J. SYPE 1/89 - R. MARTIN 3/89 - D. MENCHELL.

MIKE RINGO LIST, DEC, 1984

17. 1787 DBL, M.25-b. Good, very clean for the grade. Scarce..... 20.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #45 OCT, 1986

29. 1787 Miller 25-b. Fine-12, R-4. Large Letters. Decent. $60

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #41 JAN 5, 1986

20. 1787 Miller 25-b. Choice Fine-15, R-4. Nice color, weak date. Ex. Bowers & Merena Sipe/Ness Sale 1/84. $70

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #7 AUTUMN, 1992

25-b

Choice Miller 25-b

69. 1787 Connecticut, Miller 25-b. Rarity-3. 138.7 grains. Nearly Extremely Fine. Boldly struck, with all of the legends, date and design details razor sharp. Well centered, on a pleasing glossy olive brown planchet. There are a few insignificant planchet defects, none of which can detract from the beauty of the coin, but, there is no manmade damage, such as nicks or scratches. Although not of Condition Census quality [there are three Unc's and one or two more AU specimens known], the present specimen is quite comparable to the EAC '75 coin, and, overall, nicer than the Oechsner coin which had a few rim dents. The beautiful glossy surfaces and bold strike make for an extremely appealing example of either the variety or the type, and, one that can not be improved upon without spending a lot more money than this!.....$279

STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

*61 1787 M.25-b. DBL. R-3. Choice Very Fine. 139.5 gns. Good olive color, decent surfaces, good strike. Obverse a bit off center, to the left, as often seen (the Miller plate coin, for example). Verdigris spot (active) between UC obverse. Perfect die states. Not a rare coin or a high grade example, just nice for the variety.

200 / 220 / 242

TOM RINALDO

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McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

CHOICE M.25-b EX. ROBERT MARTIN

285 / 360 / $396.00

146. M29 1787 CONNECTICUT M.25-b DBL (R-3) VF30 143.6 gns. A choice example. Lovely honey brown color on a predominantly hard glossy planchet. Some softness at the centers with resultant faint roughness. Another small area of roughness at the reverse rim over TL. Obverses struck off center to left with the top of a few letters lost. Reverse rotated 35 degrees. This coin was obtained from Robert Martin and comes in one of his printed envelopes.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

147 1787 Connecticut, Miller 25-b. Rarity-3. 148.2 grains. Very Fine detail, and fairly well struck for a variety that is often seen weak. This one is a bit soft at the reverse center and the very top of the obverse, but it has full, bold legends and generally sharp design details; the date is mostly visible but weak. Light golden brown surfaces with a few tiny nicks on either side, the most serious being one on the reverse shield. Good overall eye appeal and great color make it a better-than-average example of the variety or type, and the coin is certainly one of the most affordable VF's around at our price of only.....$54

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #9 SUMMER, 1994

147 1787 Connecticut, Miller 25-b. Rarity-3. 128.5 grains. Fine. Generally well struck, with full legends [a few letters are weak, as struck], and good design detail; the date is mostly weak. Dark brown, slightly glossy surfaces that are free of all but the most insignificant handling marks for the grade. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in the left obverse field in Hillyer Ryder's scrip, and with a small circular label with the attribution pasted at the center of the reverse, a practice done by famed collector Carl Wurtzbach, though the present coin is certainly not of the grade level that he usually collected—another pedigree mystery in the CT copper series [as if we didn't have enough already!]. Accompanied by it's original early twentieth-century flip from the United States Coin Co, #949. The present coin was part of the Hillyer Ryder collection, later acquired by F.C.C. Boyd and still later sold by the owner of the Ryder-Boyd holdings. A no-questions coin, with a great pedigree and a decent assortment of numismatic ephemera accompanying it!.....TO R. MARTIN.....$89

The United States Coin Co. was an early firm of Wayte Raymond [called "The Great Wayte" by his contemporaries both because of his excellence as a numismatist as well as a pun on his rather large girth]; Elmer Sears was a partner in the firm for a while. The firm conducted some 43 auction sales from 1912 through 1918; after that period, Raymond conducted most of his sales under his own name or for J.C. Morgenthau. EX. BOWERS "CHRIS SCHENKEL" SALE NOV 14, 1990 LOT # 5394 @ $55.00

25-b

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

194. 1787 Connecticut. Miller 25-b. Rarity-3. 121.2 grains. Very Good or so. Weak at the top and bottom of the reverse, resulting in a loss of the date, though the rest of the legends are bold and sharp; the very tops of UCTOR are slightly off the planchet, as centered. Medium brown surfaces with lighter devices, the reverse with some light roughness, but overall quite appealing for the grade. Inexpensive at just.....$29

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

160. 1787 Connecticut Copper. Miller 25-b. Rarity-3. 129.7 grains. Choice Fine, and a virtually perfect example of the grade. Nicely struck, the legends full and sharp on either side and the date also full. A bit weak at the centers of either side, as is usually the case for the large letter varieties, but clearly high in the Fine category. Good medium brown color, the surfaces generally hard; there are a couple of trivial striations at the upper central area of the reverse, of no importance. Other than that, the coin is remarkably clean from any sort of post-striking damage or defect, and has exceptional eye appeal. Really a "Premium Quality" circulated Connecticut, and since it's not all that rare of a variety, a perfect and affordable example of the type! $99

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

25-M

GROUP I-B

Large Letters, Small Dates Obv.

Crosses, Rev. Blunt Stars.

Possibly Finest Known WHT. 140.0 GRAINS

118 1787. M. 25-m. High R-6, possibly R-7. Dots in angles of first cross, dashes in angles of third. **Some details of Ex. Fine sharpness, others more like VF,** lower part of drapery and upper seated figure weaker with original planchet granularity showing through; **light brown, some of it faded from mint red, traces of mint color around some letters. Beautiful and probably finest known of this this great rarity. No auction record.** Finer than the ANS or Dr. Hall coins; from the Bowers list at well into three figures. Earlier source conjectural; from the general appearance, may have been from the Stepney Hoard before the 1951 inventory, via Craige. **(Photo)** $350 **($475.–600.)**

$350

EAC '75

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BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE MARCH 27, 1987

PATRICK

CLEANED

$154

TAYLOR

2452 1787 Connecticut. M 25-m. Draped Bust Left. 151.2 grains R-6. Sharpness of F-12. Reverse slightly off center to the right, exactly as the Pine Tree E.A.C. specimen. An unnatural, iridescent yellow golden color with green highlights (PVC?). Nevertheless, probably within the lower end of the Condition Census for the combination.

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR' MAR 27, 1987 TAYLOR

2453 1787 Connecticut. M 25-m. Draped Bust Left. 135.6 grains. R-6. Overall sharpness of VG-8, mottled dark brown and medium tan in color. Clip at 1:00 on obverse. Attribution number painted on the obverse.

$27.50

PINE TREE "GENA '76 SALE" OCT 1, 1976

32 **1787.** M. 25-m (high R-7, possibly R-6). **Fine,** some Obv. regions weaker due to uneven strike. Dark grayish brown coloration; old Obv. pin scratches. The VF-EF example in our E.A.C. sale sold for $350. Refer to 1975 E.A.C lot 118.

$30

PINE TREE "BREEN III" JUNE 13, 1978

229 **1787 Draped Bust Left. M. 25-m** (high R-7, possibly R-6). **Fine,** some Obv. regions weaker due to uneven strike. Dark grayish brown coloration; old Obv. pin scratches. The VF-EF example in our E.A.C. sale sold for $350. Refer to 1975 E.A.C. lot 118. **($25-30)**

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COIN GALLERIES SALE' AUG 7, 1985

1422 1787 Miller 25-M (R-6). 124.3 grains. Greenish brown patina, somewhat off-center to eight o'clock, weak lower obverse strike, full date, light reverse porosity. **Fine.**

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BOWER'S 'MILTON COHEN' JAN 24-26, 1985

2322 1787 Draped Bust Left. Miller 25-m. Very elusive die variety. Very Good. Struck slightly off center. Lightly porous surfaces.

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

72 1787 Draped Bust Left M •25-m (High R-6) AG-3; ~~Draped Bust Left M •26-a.1 (R-6) G-4, dark; Draped Bust Left M •26-AA (R-4) G-6.~~ (Lot of 3 pieces).

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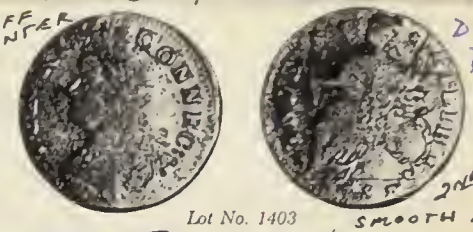
BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA (1987)

799 1787 AUCTORI/ET LIB Crosses; rev., blunt stars. Very rare.
M. 25-m.

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

OFF CENTER



DR. HALL
HESSBERG
HIGH CONDITION CENSUS
2ND FINEST?
SMOOTH MOTTLED BROWN

Lot No. 1403

R. MARTIN

1403 **1787** Miller 25-m (R-6). 131 grains. Draped bust left, another delightfully glossy coin from this era of Connecticut coinage. Faintly off center strike, die crack through full date, Liberty is somewhat indistinct as generally seen on this variety. Strong Very Fine.

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection.

577.50

1787 M.25-m
Choice Very Fine
Uneven Strike WHT. 141.3 GR.
Among Finest Known
Bill Pearson Coll.

25 - M

BOWER'S RCR #12 SEPT, 1971

1787 Draped bust left. 25-m (R-5). Very Good $39.00; Very Fine 105.00

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APR, 1972

1787 Draped bust left. 25-m (R-5). Very Good $39.00; Very Fine $105.00; Very Fine plus . RCR #14. APR, 1972 .... 129.00

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

2650 110.00 **1787 M 25-m.** DBL. R-6. 133.2 gns. Very Good/Fine. Dark gray-brown and black; area of pale gold at upper right reverse rim, base of obverse. Both sides uniformly granular. Small obverse flaw on tops of CO. Tops of AUC obverse, ET L reverse just off flan (dies struck coin turn). Full date. From the seemingly perfect states of the dies. A scarce variety commonly found in very low grades. Hessberg:1403 and the example in Rosa Americana's FPL 4 were both strong Very Fine and high in the condition Condition Census, while Taylor:2452 was graded F-12. TOO DARK VG

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5686 275.00 **Trio of Rarity-6 1787 coppers:** ☆ M 25-m. G-6. 142.9 grains. Tiny clip. Miller attribution number painted in left obverse field. States equivalent to Taylor:2452 ☆ ~~M 32.1-X.3. F-12/15. 136.3 grains. States apparently equivalent to Taylor:2477 ☆ M 43.2-X.4. VG-8/10. 120.3 grains. Obverse earlier than Taylor:2665, not clashed; reverse equivalent to the Taylor coin.~~ (Total: 3 pieces)

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

25-m	1787 VG/VG	R6+	Very dark. Striations obvers
25-m	1787	R6+	
25-m	[illegible]		[illegible]

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

79) 1787 M.25-m Fine (12-15) Relatively smooth light brown. Slightly off center resulting in "ET" on reverse to be struck off flan.

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

592 1787 Draped Bust Left. 25-m (R-5). Abt. Fine. Very rare. 20 —

BOWER'S P. WILLIAMS' SEPT 27-29, 1975

1296 ~~Five~~ 1787 Connecticuts. Draped bust left. ~~(1) 24-g.3. R-5. Good-4; (2) 25-b. R-4. Fine-12;~~ (3) 25-m. R-5. AG-3; (4) ~~26-AA. R-3. AG-3, (5) 20-kk.1. R-4. Good-4.~~ (Total: 5 pieces)

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

LOT # 2512 M 25-m. G-4. Rarity-6. 150.4 grains. 28.0mm. 175°. Pitted, active verdigris; 1 OF 10 PIECES NORWEB

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE NOV 14, 1990

5670 ☆ M 25-m. Rarity-6. VG-8. 156.2 grains.
495.00 States equivalent to Taylor:2452 1 OF 10 PIECES

MIKE RINGO LIST, SEPT, 1984

6. 1787 DBL, M.25-m. Very Good to Fine, light brown with strong date and legends. R-6 and scarce..... 60.00

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6527 77.00 Trio of 1787 Connecticut copper issues. ~~☆ M 11-1-E. Mailed Bust Left. G-4. Rarity-2. 156.6 grains. Dark brown surfaces with several tiny edge marks noted for accuracy ☆ M 22-g.2. Draped Bust Left. AG-3. rough granular surfaces. Low Rarity-6. 117.7 grains. Struck on a slightly oval planchet~~ ☆ M 25-m. Draped Bust Left. G-4. uniformly porous surfaces. Rarity-6. 128.8 grains. A porous but completely legible specimen of this very scarce issue. ~~A notable opportunity for the Connecticut copper specialist to obtain these elusive varieties.~~ (Total: 3 pieces)

STACK'S SALE SEPT 8, 1993

984 80 300 330 **1787 M.25-m. DBL. Rarity 6.** ~~Fine.~~ VF. 143.1 gns. Olive green fields, lighter high points. Surfaces only lightly granular, obverse center soft. Small clip reverse 1:00. Obverse scratched left field. States as Taylor:2452; ~~**1787 M.20-kk.1. DBL. Rarity-6.** Very Good/Good. 139.5 gns. Brown, granular. Scratches both sides. States as Taylor:2455; **1787 M.20.1-n. DBL. High Rarity-6.** Good, or slightly better. 136.7 gns. Pale orange tan. Granular, some reverse pitting. Obverse off center to upper right. States as Taylor:2465.~~ 3 pieces.

TO JIM GOODE

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

328 ~~82.50~~ CONNECTICUT FOURSOME. 1787 CONNECTICUT COPPER M.25-m R-6 G3. 138.3 gns. Worn, dark, corroded, and bruised, but still a rare coin. ~~WITH 1787 CONNECTICUT COPPER MILLER 33.43-hh2 R-6 G3. 129.6 gns. A bit bright from an old cleaning, this one is basically mark free except for honest wear. Interesting 270x rotation on this tough variety. WITH 1788 CONNECTICUT COPPER MILLER 12.1-P.1 R-5 VG8. Revised up to R-5. Perhaps better detail, but dark and heavily corroded, obscuring most design elements. Quality of about good. FINALLY, 1788 CONNECTICUT COPPER MILLER 14.2-A.2 R-6- G7. 86.4 gns. Rough and still recovering from a good scrubbing. Extraordinarily light at 86 grains, as the Taylor specimen was 143 and the Stack's 1993 speciment was 150. An interesting example of a rare variety.~~ Four rare but low grade Connecticuts.

EAN MAIL BID SALE MARCH 18, 1995

86 **1787 CT Copper, Miller 25-m, Draped Bust Left, Very Fine.** Rarity 6. Almost identical in appearance to the Taylor specimen, even to the direction and degree of the off-center strike on the reverse. The Taylor coin was suspected of being in the low end of the Condition Census, so we presume this piece ranks there as well. A great opportunity for the variety specialist. ..... (300-400)

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL#4 SPRING, 1991

CONDITION CENSUS EXAMPLE ?

of the

RARE MILLER 25-m

64. 1787. Miller 25-m, Breen 799. Rarity-6. Crosses on obverse, blunt stars on reverse. 156.4 grains. Very Fine. As often seen on the variety, there is an area of weakness at the top obverse and corresponding portion of the reverse. The legends are full and sharp, and slightly more than three-fourths of the date is visible. What makes this particular example so outstanding is the glossy light golden brown surfaces and the absolute absence of any type of mark or flan problem—quite unusual as the variety almost always comes on planchets plagued with defects. This is well into the Condition Census, possibly the third finest known. Called "Very Rare" by Breen, this variety was not in the Oechsner, Roper, Picker, Steinberg, Robinson or Boyd-Brand-Ryder sales. The Taylor coin was a cleaned Fine and the Norweb example was only Good. A rare find for the Connecticut coppers specialist (PLATE).....$289

We know of the following examples in the Condition Census:

1) EAC '75: 118, Very Fine/Extremely Fine, ex Stepney Hoard, Craige.
2) Private collection, Very Fine+.
3) This coin, Very Fine. ?
4) Private collection, Very Fine, defective planchet.
5) Taylor: 2452, Fine, cleaned.
6) Private New York collection, Fine.

In addition, one example is known as an undertype for 1787 New Jersey Maris 56-n [the first "Camel Head" variety], which is Uncirculated. That coin, ex Spiro and Breisland, was Lot 640 of Pine Tree's 9/78 sale.

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25-M

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL#4 SPRING, 1991

65. 1787. Miller 25-m, another. 150.4 grains. Very Good or so, again with a somewhat uneven strike, though with all the legends and most of the date visible. Dark brown, with several small areas of minuscule corrosion on either side. The appearance of two examples of this variety should not mislead the collector into assuming that it can be easily obtained, as it has held its rarity well over the years.....$59

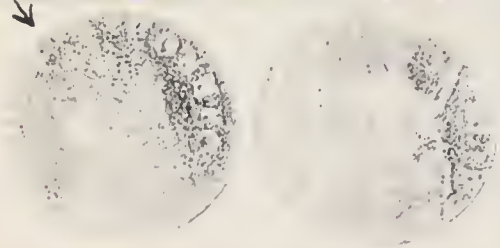
STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

154 95 140 154 1787 Connecticut coppers, all DBL and with Miller attribution numbers in a coarse hand on obverse. M.25-m. R-6. Very Good, very granular. 140.7 gns. Obverse further annotated "NC" ("Non-Collectable"?); ~~M.26-AA. R-5. Good, heavily pitted. 142.9 gns.; M.29.1-p. High R-6. Very Good/Good, some reverse corrosion. 132.6 gns.~~ 3 pieces.

1787 M. 25-m Wht. 140.6 Grains
Good, Dark, Unevenly struck, Finely porous.
Ken Mote to Mike Spencer 12/07/96.

STEVE HAYDEN FIXED PRICE LIST#2 OCT. 1996

16 Conn 1787 D.B.L. M.25-m R6 Good 128.7 grains. Quite porous, dark with brown relief. All legends clear but no date. I have only seen 13 pieces offered. 75 00



ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL#10 SPRING, 1995

148 1787 Connecticut, Miller 25-m. Rarity-6. 142.3 grains. Good to Very Good, a bit weak at the absolute centers, accounting for the grade assigned, though from a standpoint of wear probably fully VG. The legends are complete, though AUCTORI and the tops of ETLIB are a bit faint; the date is partially visible. Medium brown, microscopically granular surfaces that are not horribly attractive but which are free of any sort of major post-striking defect. This is a very difficult variety to locate in any grade whatsoever, and is the first that we've had in stock in several years. We note that the Dr. Hall-Hessberg coin was only marginally better [Fine] and brought a winning bid of $577.50! This coin is also a graphic reminder of just how reasonable Connecticut coppers are—if a lower grade R-6 early date large cent were offered for sale, you could bet the farm that the price wouldn't be under a hundred bucks!.....$79

25-m

PINE TREE/EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

26-AA

124* 1787. M. 26–AA. R–4. Obv. as last, possibly a little earlier state; rev. with three dots at first cross, dash at third. **Many details of VF sharpness,** other struck weaker as usual; various shades of brown, device highlighted, consistent in surface quality with VF grade. Two very small rev. nicks; trivial lamination defects. **As fine as we have seen in many years. (Photo)** **($75.–100.)**
*Bids accepted by mail only.

$90 — $90 —

EAC '75

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CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
1787 M.26-AA #? HALL-SHUMWAY, 1919.
(VG10) FINE/VERY FINE.

McCAULEY & GRELLMAN "CY GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995 #147
BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

ROUGH

$110 —

TAYLOR

2457 **1787 Connecticut. M 26-AA. Draped Bust Left.** 144.0 grains. R-5. Overall sharpness of VF-20, weak at the bottom of obverse and top of reverse. Dark brown, verging to olive. Cut through hair on obverse. Obverse die free from the parallel breaks described earlier. Obverse die emission sequence is: 26-AA, 26-a.1, 26-kk.1.

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987
LOT # 2450

26-AA. 141.8 grains. R-5. G-4. dark. Slightly off center;

1 OF 4 PIECES TAYLOR

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

*155 1787 M.26-AA. Another. **Shift double struck, High R-6** at least for the error, the only one we have so far recorded for 26-AA. Overall Very Good, some areas with sharpness of Very Fine. 144.1 gns. Surfaces uniformly granular, unusual color scheme both sides, clip obverse at 7:00. Portions of both legends doubled, two branch hands. First struck a bit off center to the right, the second strike looks like an attempt at correcting the blunder.

600 — 600 — 660 —

From our sale of the Edward Hessberg Collection, June 19, 1991, lot 1543 (attribution corrected). 440.00

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991
26-AA TO M. RINGO

1543 1787 Miller ~~46-47 family~~. 144 grains. This dramatically double-struck copper displays bold CON on effigy's head, ORI above ORI at left, half of CONNEC at right rim. Reverse shows TLIB/TLIB at right. The x-shaped quatrefoil with dots in angles before INN at left is typical of coppers of this Miller numerical range, but the very boldness of the doubling makes positive attribution to specific variety impossible. A rare early mint error! Very Good. CONTRASTING YELLOW TAN & RED

440.00

HESSBERG

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

1406 **1787 Miller 26-AA** (R-5). 124 grains. Draped bust left, x-shaped cross flanked by dots before AUCTORI:, another before INDE:, other crosses are normal cross-shaped quatrefoils. Richly glossy deep brown. Extremely Fine. VF ONLY BIT DARK DR. HALL

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection. SMOOTH OLIVE BROWN OFF CENTER

357.50 HESSBERG VF ONLY

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1787 M.26-AA
FINE, SMOOTH

OECHSNER COLL. SEPT 9, 1988

ABT XF (35/40) OK COLOR

100 — 625 —

Lot No. 1092
D. PARTRICK

NICKS UNIMPORTANT

OECHSNER

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988
LOT # 2512

M 26-AA. F-12.
Rarity-5. 136.0 grains. 28.4mm. 175°. Golden brown. Obverse flawed, two nicks;

1 OF 10 PIECES NORWEB

1092 **1787 Miller 26-AA.** Draped bust left. (R-5). 147.4 grains **Very Fine** or better, many small nicks on the head and neck. Deep olive green toning. Somewhat off-center, with tops of CO missing as well as the bottom of the date. Fairly late state of this die marriage, the two breaks in the drapery clear and some die bulging on the reverse.

687.50

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1969

[illegible]	[illegible]	R-4	
[illegible]	[illegible]	R-4	
26-AA	1787 F/F	R-4	Edge defects obv: [illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	R-4	
[illegible]	[illegible]	R-4	

26-AA

PINE TREE "GENA '76 SALE" OCT 1, 1976

34 1787. M. 26-AA (R-4). G-VG or better sharpness.
$40 Some planchet roughness. Tan patina. Compare with lot 124 of our 1975 E.A.C. sale. 70

231 **1787 Draped Bust Left. M. 26-AA** (R-4). **G-VG** or better sharpness. Some planchet roughness. Tan patina. Compare with lot 124 of our 1975 E.A.C. sale. **($25-30)**
10 PINE TREE "BREEN III" JUNE 19, 1978 10

1787 Connecticut cent Miller 26-AA Scarce die, R-4 in about VF Available at BOWER'S R.C.R. NO #40 SEPT, 1981 245 00

BOWER'S 'RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972

1787 Draped bust left. 26-AA (R-3). Good $11.00; Very Good $15.00; Abt. Fine $19.00; Very Fine RCR #14 . . . APR. 1972 . . . . 39.00

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
26-AA 9425 (10) VERY GOOD (10)
3957 (12/4) FINE/GOOD

BOWER'S P. WILLIAMS' SEPT 27-29, 1975

1296 ~~Five~~ 1787 Connecticuts. Draped bust left. ~~(1) 24-g.3. R-5. Good-4; (2) 25-b. R-4. Fine-12; (3) 25-m. R-5. AG-3~~; (4) 26-AA. R-3. AG-3; ~~(5) 26-kk.1. R-4. Good-4~~. (Total: 5 pieces)

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

168 Trio of 1787 issues: ☆ ~~M 17-g.3. Draped Bust Left. VG-8, porous. Rarity-4~~
99 ~~138.2 grains.~~ ☆ ~~M 19-g.4. Draped Bust Left. F-12. Rarity-3. 144.0 grains. Lat~~
BK ~~state of the reverse die, with crack and large bulge at date area. Some fain~~ ~~planchet fissures, lightly cleaned long ago.~~ ☆ M 26-AA. Draped Bust Left. G-6. Rarity-5. 138.8 grains. Obverse edge clip at 5:00, faint, old obverse scratche also noted. (Total: 3 pieces)

SEE ROSA AMERICANA FPL #8 SPRING 1993 LOT #96
STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2131 1787 ~~M.19-g.4. DBL. Overall Fine. Rarity-3. 143.1~~
30 grains. Golden brown, some gloss. Light obverse, heavier reverse flaws. Small rim clips. Later states, T
40 obverse failing, date completely gone now, ~~1787 M.24-g.3. DBL. Good overall. 145.8 grains. Dark brown, softly struck at right and in centers. Die states intermediate, 1787 M.26-kk.1. DBL. Very Good/Good. Rarity-6. 148.8 grains. Gray brown. Reverse granular, scratched. Reverse state as Taylor:2455, IND ET nearly gone~~; **1787 M.26-AA. DBL.** Fine. Rarity 5. Dark brown, reverse center soft. 145.8 grains. A decent, dark brown example. Die states as Taylor:2457. 4 pieces.
40

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

81) 1787 M.26-AA Very Good. Relatively smooth dark brown with an edge defect at rim opposite "I" in INDE on reverse.
82) 1787 M.26-AA Very Good. Light iridescent brown from an old cleaning. Struck slightly off center resulting in the bottom half of date to be struck off flan. (No Provenance)

NEW NETHERLAND'S 60TH SALE DEC 3-4, 1968

340 Similar. **M. 26-AA** (Rarity 3). Three crosses on obv., large letters both sides.
14 - VG, reverse unevenly struck; moderate flan clip at lower right (obv.), one small striated planchet flaw on obverse, two on reverse.
1 OF 2 PIECES, OTHER 38-66

PAUL KAGIN LIST, APR, 1984

1787 DBL. 26 AA. Scarce - Fine 55 00

N. PETERS LIST, SPRING, 1981

1787 26-AA VG $20.00

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

72 1787 ~~Draped Bust Left M #25-m (High R-6) AG-3; Draped Bust Left M #26-a.1 (R-6) G-4, dark~~; Draped Bust Left M #26-AA (R-4) G-6. (Lot of 3 pieces).
25 -

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

594 1787 Draped Bust Left. 26-AA (R-3). Very Good. 15 -

HENRY C. MILLER SALE 'MAY 26-29, 1920

1.50 1908 1787. Head l. . AUCTORI: CONNEC: Rx. . INDE : . . . ET-LIB: Parmelee collection. C. 26-AA. Abt. Fine.

1.25 1909 Another, Very good. Same collection.

.15 2118 1787. C. 26-AA ~~and 28-M-(1)~~. G. 3 pcs.

STACK'S SALE JUNE 27, 1975

34 1787 Connecticut. ~~A group of 4, two of which are quite rare. Miller 10E (R-5), Miller 26-a.1 (R-3)~~, Miller 26-AA (R-3), ~~and Miller 32-3 X-4 (common). The first has a very interesting planchet defect (not a damage) that goes right through the coin which shows what impure copper the Colonists had at their disposal.~~ Average Good. 4 pieces.
32 50

MIKE RINGO LIST, APR, 1984

15. 1787 DBL, M.26-AA. A smooth Fine with full date and legends..... 35.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, APR, 1984

14. 1787 Draped Bust Left, M.26-AA. Very Good, weak date and some scale. 15.00

DANA LINETT (EAN) LIST JUNE, 1982

26-AA, R-4, Very Fine..... " ... 125.

26-AA

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

2652 **1787 M 26-AA.** DBL. R-5. 128.4 gns. Overall About Fine, some areas sharper. Pale golden brown. Traces of verdigris around letters on both sides and obverse profile. Small reverse flaws between DE and on rim at 3 o'clock. Second date numeral faded. Parallel obverse breaks present but very faint; reverse appears perfect. Fairly typical condition for this variety, Taylor: 2450 was graded Good while both ANS coins are Very Good. Oechsner:1092 was exceptional; Hessberg:1046 was called Extremely Fine but sold for $325. VG+/G FAIR

44.00

The emission sequence for Miller obverse 26 appears to be: 26-AA, 26-kk.1, 26-AA, 26-a.1, 26-kk.1, since some 26-AA are found in the broken state of the die (Oechsner:1092 and the presently offered coin, for example).

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

154 **1787 Connecticut coppers,** all DBL and with Miller attribution numbers in a coarse hand on obverse. ~~**M.25-m. R-6.** Very Good, very granular. 140.7 gns. Obverse further annotated "NC" ("Non-Collectable"?)~~; **M.26-AA.** R-5. Good, heavily pitted. 142.3 gns.; ~~**M.29.1-p. High R-6.** Very Good/Good, some reverse corrosion. 132.6 gns.~~ 3 pieces.

95/ 140/ 154/

STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

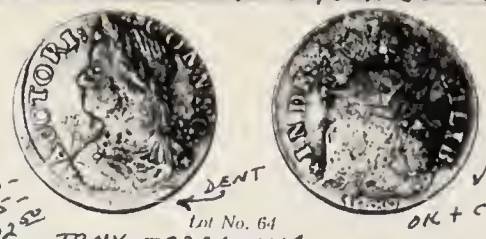
57 **1787 M.** ~~**10-g.4. DBL.** R-3. Strong Fine, reverse scratches. 148.8 gns. Light brown. Reverse rim flawed at top. Perfect die states~~; **M.26-AA. DBL.** R-5. Strong Fine, obverse scratches, rim dent. 134.8 gns. Orange tan and somewhat glossy. **2** pieces. J. ROCK

50/ 65/ 71.50

~~The first with an otherwise undistinguished round card ticket.~~

The emission sequence for obverse 26 needs to be revised. The evidence of this coin, whose obverse is in the same state as Taylor:2455 (M.26-kk.1), shows that the old sequence of 26-AA, then 26-kk.1, then 26-a.1, finally a few 26-kk.1 needs to have another batch of 26-AA inserted as contemporaneous with the first run of 26-kk.1.

STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994



Lot No. 64

DENT VF OK + COLOR

350- 375- 402.50

JONY TERRANOVA

64 **1787 M.26-AA. DBL.** High R-5 (revised). **Very Fine, Choice** and nice. 143.9 gns. Some small obverse and reverse rim nicks and dents but only two of them really distracting. Good olive color and decent surface quality. Struck a bit off center but without serious effect. Hall attribution number painted on obverse. **Probable Condition Census:** possibly high therein, too. We have seen only 17 specimens including this. The finest of those was the first Hessberg coin, graded EF. Oechsner's VF and three others follow, with the remainder grading Fine to Good. It's clear that the whole obverse 26 family is hard to find better than Fine, or so!

Annotated round card ticket accompanies this lot.

The obverse state is as Taylor:2454 (M.26-a.1) so the obverse 26 emission sequence can be refined further if we fit a batch of M. 26-AA after the first run of M.26-kk.1.

Hall's 26-AA was first numbered 26-D, following Crosby. The number was changed to 26-AA in February, 1891. The annotations on the round card ticket that goes with this lot show that the coin was originally bought from a "New York lot" as a 26-D. Hall devotes more than a page in his notebook to his analysis of Crosby's 26-D, implying that 26-D's punctuation was mistakenly read and that it didn't really exist, after all.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

983 ~~**1787 M.20-a.2. DBL.** Rarity 4. Fine, rough and granular. 139.9 gns. Ruddy orange. Die states as Taylor:2444~~; **1787 M.26-AA. DBL.** Rarity 5. Fine. 136.5 gns. Lightly granular. Obverse scratched; reverse cleaned. States as Taylor:2457; ~~**1787 M.31.1-r.4. DBL.** Rarity 2. Fine. 125.9 gns. Brown. Light obverse; deep reverse flaw; reverse smoothed below waist. States as Taylor:2472~~; ~~**1787 M.33.17-r.1. DBL.** Rarity 3. Strong Fine. 140.0 gns. Golden brown. A decent specimen save for some small digs both sides. States as Taylor:2543~~; ~~**1787 M.33.33-Z.11. DBL.** High Rarity 5. Very Good. 122.1 gns. Obverse cleaned, reverse dark. Rough and granular. States as Taylor:2586~~. **5** pieces.

105- 160- 176.00

COIN GALLERIES 'PERKINS II, APRIL 14, 1993

1981 **Starter set of 1787 DBL varieties,** from the middle Miller numbers. Grades range from Very Good to strong Fine, about evenly divided between the two. Planchet qualities typical for these grades. All in varying shades of brown. **M.26-AA.** Rarity 5; ~~**M.27-a.1. Rarity 6.** Granular, rim nick; **M.31.1-r.4.** Rarity 2, **another.** Somewhat mottled but fully centered; **a third.** Heavily flawed, on an imperfectly rolled flan; **M.31.2-r.3.** Rarity 2; **M.32.1-X.3.** Low Rarity 6. Very granular, planchet digs; **M.32.2-X.1.** Rarity 2. Once cleaned, reverse rim flaw; **M.32.3-X.4.** Rarity 2. Granular. Scratched and flawed; **M.32.5-aa.** Rarity 4. Scratched and flawed~~. **10** pieces.

225.50

ROSA AMERICANA EPLMG SPRING, 1993

RARE MILLER 26-AA
CONDITION CENSUS

SEE STACK'S PERKINS COLL SALE 3/16/93 LOT # 2131 1 OF 4 PIECES

96 1787 Connecticut, Miller 26-AA High Rarity 5 [possibly a full Rarity 6]. 145 8 grains. Choice Very Fine, weak at the absolute centers on either side, as always seen on the variety The legends are bold and sharp, though the date is a bit weak. Hard, medium brown surfaces, free of any sort of damage or defect, and with unbeatable color that is medium brown and slightly glossy This is a legitimately rare variety, seldom seen in any grades and unknown in really choice conditions—the Miller collection coin (ex Parmalee) was only a Very Good, as are the two specimens in the ANS collection. The Oechsner coin, a comparable VF brought a whopping $687 50! The present coin is certainly in the Condition Census for the variety, heads and shoulders finer than almost everything to come on the market in years Want to hold out for a better example of the variety? Well, good luck! The Condition Census starts with a Very Fine, and goes down from there—in fact, a case can be made for any of the top five specimens, including this one, to be finer than its brethren Another coin for the Connecticut specialist, and as the variety just doesn't exist too much better, a coin that won't have to be upgraded! $229

The Condition Census appears to be as follows
1) Oechsner Very Fine
2) Private collection, Very Fine
3) Taylor, Very Fine
4) The present coin, Very Fine
5) Dr Hall Hessberg, Very Fine
6) The 1975 EAC coin, Fine Very Fine

After this, the Census drops to a few Fines (CNL reference collection, Picker) and several VG's (two in ANS, Turoff, New Netherland's 60th sale, and the Miller collection coin, ex Parmalee)

26-AA

McCawley & Grellman C4 Sale "Griffee" Oct 21, 1995

M.26-AA EX. FREDERICK TAYLOR

310-
330-
3632

EX TAYLOR
#2457

147. M30 1787 CONNECTICUT M.26-AA DBL (High R-5) VF20 144.3 gns. The Taylor coin. Dark olive brown, basically smooth and reflective with a bit of granularity on the reverse. An old thin cut in the hair of the obverse bust that resembles a striation. Striking weakness on the reverse leaves the head of Seated Liberty quite weak. This coin may well be in the condition census. It is clearly surpassed by the Hessberg EF, the Oechsner VF, and the VF that was lot 64 in Stack's 6/94 sale. A census review in the notes for that sale mentioned the Hessberg and Oechsner coins and 3 other VF's (this one undoubtedly included) and then a drop off to Fine. Reverse rotated 350 degrees. Taylor lot ticket ~~#2407~~ included. LOT #2457 AT $110.00

EX. BOWERS'S TAYLOR SALE" MARCH 27, 1987 LOT #2457

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL#14 SUMMER 1999

161. 1787 Connecticut Copper. Miller 26-AA, High Rarity-5. 145.6 grains. Very Fine/Fine, somewhat weakly struck at the absolute centers, as is usually the case for the variety and the general type. This one has a bold obverse, clearly of a solid VF level; the legend is bold, and there is some nice design detail visible on the bust. The reverse is weaker at the centers, though the legend is full and sharp; the date is extremely faint, but most of it can be made out with patience and a good magnifying glass! Very pleasing medium olive brown surfaces, the obverse extremely hard, the reverse just a bit less so at the weak areas where there are a couple of microscopic striations of no importance. No post-striking damage or defect make for an extremely pleasing example of a very scarce variety, and one that certainly does not exist a whole lot nicer than this – indeed, the Condition Census for the variety has been reported as beginning and ending with a VF coin, which just underscores how difficult it is to find the variety with any sort of eye appeal. Indeed, the weak VF offered in the 1998 C4 convention sale realized a very healthy $660 in spirited bidding! While this one won't make the Condition Census, it is the nicest example overall that we've been able to offer since we had a Choice VF way back on our Eighth price list!.....$169

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL#14 SUMMER 1999

162. 1787 Connecticut Copper. Miller 26-AA, another. 117.2 grains. Choice Fine/Fine, again the obverse stronger than the reverse. This one has full legends on either side and a bold date, which is wholly on the planchet. Central details are weaker than the grade assigned. Medium brown surfaces, the obverse hard and with light tan devices. A couple of trivial striations on this side do not detract much, though there is some fine and even roughness on the reverse, which does detract a bit. Overall, not that bad of an example of a rare variety, and certainly priced right at under a hundred bucks (compare that to what a High R-5 of ANY other state coinage issue would cost in this grade!). $139

EAC SALE APRIL 4, 1998

18	1787	M26-AA.	5	12	8	CONNECTICUT-DRAPED BUST LEFT. Brown with some scattered areas of corrosion. AVERAGE. $90 –

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL#11 SPRING 1996

153 1787 Connecticut. Miller 26-AA. Hiigh Rarity-5. 126.5 grains. Very Good, the reverse, as usual for the variety, just a shade weaker than the obverse, most noticeable at Liberty's head. Full legends on either side, the date area indstinct. Attractive medium brown color, somewhat glossy and absolutely free of damage or defect. All in all a pleasing example of this scarce variety which is seldom found a whole lot nicer.....$79

The sole use of this reverse die.

PINE TREE' EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

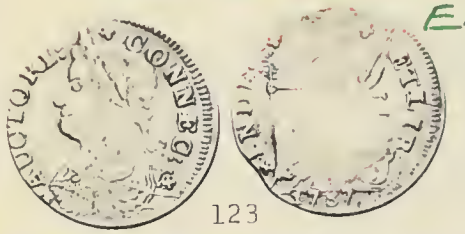
26-a.1

Exceptional M. 26-a.1.

123 1787. M. 26-a.1. R-6. Ephemeral recombination of two dies seen elsewhere; breaks through drapery advanced, rust in lower obv. field, cracks through foot and top of date, through L to rim, through top of pole to cross, etc. **Many details better than VF sharpness, others weaker as struck;** light olive and light tan, some of it apparently faded from mint color, **with faint lustre visible around some letters.** Small mint clip above RI; the planchet narrow so that tops of AUCTO are off flan. **Exceptionally choice for this rarity, finest we have seen or head of. Nor recent auction record in any grade.** Apparently ex Stepney Hoard. **(Photo)** $325 **($450.–up)**

$325

EAC'75



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PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

123A 1787. Another M. 26-a.1, somewhat later die state: the crack from pole to cross is flanked by heavy die failure, the other cracks are heavier and there is another from foot through tops of IND. Final letter now looks more than every like an R. **This very late and very rare die state probably accounts for Crosby's** untraced "26-B", retained in the Miller list as 26-bb. **Few details close to Very Fine,** others **Fine,** Ms. Liberty's head weak; pleasing light brown, slightly granular on the weak areas, no defect worth mention. Small mint clip affecting top of pole. **(Photo)** NO PRICE **($375.–up)**

NO PRICE ?

EAC'75

123A

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

GOOD COLOR WEAK REV. MUSHY

CENSUS

DR. HALL

100-250

DEEP DEFECT ON OBV.

Lot No. 1404

D. MENCHELL

1404 1787 Miller 26-a.1 (R-6). 151 grains. Draped bust left, three obverse crosses, one on shoulder. Mushy reverse as Taylor coin, richly glossy surfaces. Interesting planchet chip under chin on obverse. Very Fine.

308 00

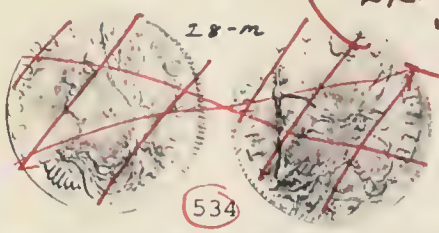
Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection.

PINE TREE "BROWN UNIV" MAY 21, 1976

533 1787. M. 26-a.1 (R-6). **VF surfaces and many details though others are considerably weaker as struck,** especially those of rev. device.

$60-

All legends and date very bold and on flan. Rich brown color with an attractive even gloss, a few faint obv. scratches. Streaky rev. planchet defects. Rev. rim bruise opposite D of INDE. Miller attribution in white on left obv. field. Comes close in many respects to our 1975 E. A. C. coin, lot 123, which sold for $325.



28-m

'BROWN UNIV.'

534

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

219 1787 M.26-a.1 (R-6). 149.4 grains. Faint scratches on the lower part of the head. The normal two parallel lines at lower right obverse. Light to medium brown, full date and legends. Extremely Fine or virtually so.

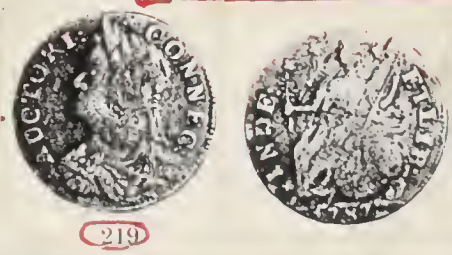
440 00

VF SCRATCHES

400-400-

AS VF

Ex John Carter Brown Sale (Pine Tree, May 21, 1976, lot 533) 60-



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OECHSNER COLL. SEPT 9, 1988

WEAK VF

WEAK, FLAT MUSHY STRIKE

OK/GOOD COLOR

85-600-

Lot No. 1093

OECHSNER

The emission sequence for Miller obverse 26 appears to be: 26-AA, 26-kk 1, 26-AA, 26-a 1, 26-kk 1, since some 26-AA are found in the broken state of the die (Oechsner 1092 and the presently offered coin, for example

1093 1787 Miller 26-a.1. Draped bust left (R-6). 136.9 grains. Very Fine, weak strike on the head and matching lower part of Liberty. The parallel die breaks on the drapery are clear. Reddish brown and olive toning.

$660-

TO D. PARTRICK

26-2.1

BOWER'S "ROY HARTE SALE" NOV 16-18, 1977

2025 1787 Connecticut. 26-a.1. Draped bust left. Rarity-5. About Fine.
30-

BOWER'S "KRUGJOHANN SALE" MAY 14-15, 1976

44 1787 Connecticut. Draped bust left. Miller 26-a.1. Rarity 5. Abt. Fine. A major opportunity for the Connecticut specialist.
35-

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW APRIL, 1972

1787 Draped bust left. 26-a.1 (R-5). Very Good $69.00; Abt. Fine, and slightly better struck than the preceding coin N.14. 4/72. 109.00

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

150 1787 Connecticut coppers, all DBL. ~~M.20-a.2. R-4 (underrated). About Very Fine, obverse flawed. 133.6 gns.~~; **M.26-a.1. R-6** (also underrated). Very Good, granular. 134.6 gns. Miller number in a coarse hand on obverse; ~~**M.29.1-p. High R-6. Fine, granular, clipped, bent. 144.3 gns.; M.31.1-r.4. R-2. Strong Fine, rough and flawed. 149.4 gns.; M.31.2-r.3. R-2. Fine, off center. 135.8 gns.; M.32.2-X.4. Low R-6. Misshapen and flawed Fine. 118.4 gns.; M.32.5-aa. FNDE. R-4. Fine, old reverse scratches. 132.1 gns. Miller number in a fine hand on obverse.~~ 7 pieces.
600-
600-
660-

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

26-a.1 1787 F-/VG R6 Pits both sides.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

80) 1787M.26-a.1 Very Good (6-10). Smooth glossy light chocolate brown. Fairly well centered and struck

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

72 1787 ~~Draped Bust Left M *25=m (High R-6) AG-3~~; Draped Bust Left M *26-a.1 (R-6) G-4, dark; ~~Draped Bust Left M *26-AA (R-4) G-6.~~ (Lot of 3 pieces).
25-

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

593 1787 Draped Bust Left. 26-a.1 (R-5). Good. Small mint clip near top edge. 12.50
12.50

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

NICE TAN COLOR SMALL SPOT OF GREEN VERDIGRIS ON REV. FINE 15

TAYLOR

2454 1787 Connecticut. M 26-a.1. Draped Bust Left. 147.8 grains. R-6. Fine-15, even golden brown. Struck slightly off center, but all letters present on flan. Typical obverse state, with two parallel breaks at the base of the effigy's bust. Verdigris spot at the base of the branch.
110-

STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

TOO DARK SCRATCHES

160-
750-
825-

Lot No. 62

DON VALENZIANO FOR CLIENT

62 **1787 M.26-a.1. DBL. High R-6** (revised). **Fine**, or a tad better. 140.1 gns. Two-tone obverse, ruddy brown device and letters against a steel surface; reverse more evenly brown. Short obverse hairline flaw at top, reverse rim dents and old hairline scratches. Underrated rarity, we have seen only eight including this one. **Possible Condition Census:** of those we have seen both the Oechsner and Hessberg coins were graded Very Fine, then come the Taylor and Ford Primary Fine coins, followed by two Very Good's and an About Good (Norweb:2512). M.26-a.1 is a definite sleeper and is still unappreciated for its rarity and low average grade. Die states as Taylor:2454.

Many of these Ryder-Boyd coins have parallel hairline scratches on one, or both, sides. These scratches are recent, i.e., done within the last 75 years. Boyd kept his Connecticuts in Wayte Raymond album pages. The cataloguer believes that the scratches are slide marks picked up while using the Raymond albums.

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

LOT # 2512 M 26.a.1. AG-3. Rarity-6. 120.8 grains. 27.6mm. 170°. Golden brown. Porous and pitted;

1 OF 10 PIECES NORWEB

HENRY C. MILLER SALE 'MAY 29, 1920

2.10 1910 1787. Cr. 26-A (1-a).

COIN GALLERIES PERKINS II: APRIL 14, 1993

1979 **1787 M.26-a.1. DBL.** Very Good. Low Rarity 6. 136.1 gns. Nice even golden brown. Problem free and smooth obverse; reverse scratched. Obverse perfect; reverse clashed around periphery. 6 pieces. 1 OF 6 PIECES
495

~~The first, ex George D. Hatte Sale (Bowers and Merena, August 3, 1983, part of lot 124), the fourth and last, from Robert Vlack in 1984, ex his second collection~~

STACK'S SALE JUNE 27, 1975

34 1787 Connecticut. ~~A group of 4, two of which are quite rare. Miller 10-E (R-5), Miller 26.a.1 (R-5), Miller 26-AA (R-3), and Miller 32.3-X.4 (common). The first has a very interesting planchet defect (not a damage) that goes right through the coin which shows what impure copper the Colonists had at their disposal.~~ Average Good. 4 pieces.
32 50

PINE TREE 'EAC 75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

119* 1787. M. 26-kk.1. R-6. Rev. ETIBB; breaks through obv. drapery. **Some details Fine, others VG, dark green** matte patina with some light porosity. Oddly, no auction records. **(Photo)** **($175.–225.)**

$125 $125 —

*Bids accepted by mail only.

EAC 75

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BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

TAYLOR

2455 **1787 Connecticut. M 26-kk.1. Draped Bust Left.** 132.5 grains. R-6. Sharpness of F-12/VG-8. Attribution number painted on the obverse. Dark brown, clip at 1:00 on the obverse. Late state of the reverse severely buckled with IND and ET almost completely obscured. Date legible. Reverse striated.

$55

TAYLOR

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

2456 **1787 Connecticut. M 26-kk.1. Draped Bust Left.** 139.3 grains. R-6. Overall sharpness of VG-8. Golden brown, with darker areas. Somewhat earlier state of the reverse, with some detail beneath Liberty's waist. IN missing; rim cud over Liberty's pole. Evidence of clashing plain on the reverse beneath ET. Edge bruise 7:00 obverse. DENT OK COLOR

$33

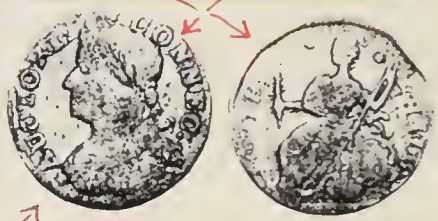
SEE STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992 LOT # 220 →

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992 EX. TAYLOR!

220 **1787 M.26-kk.1** (R-6). 139.4 grains. A golden brown specimen, deepening a little at the borders. IN missing, the other legends on reverse visible; Obverse legend complete and bold. Small rim cud over top of pole. Die clashing below ET. Date off flan. Very Fine or a bit better in overall appearance. VG 8 EDGE BRUISE OK COLOR

220 — 200 — 200

Ex Taylor Sale (Bowers & Merena, March 27, 1987, lot 2456). 33.00



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1787 Connecticut Miller 26-kk.1

BOWERS "GARRETT SALE" OCT 1, 1980

GARRETT

1360 **1787 Connecticut. Miller 26-kk.1.** 163.1 grains. Although Miller describes this as Rarity-4 it is probably more elusive than that, for Richard Picker reports having seen only a very few specimens, and of these none have been in sharper grades.

The present coin is an attractive Very Fine specimen with some claims to Extremely Fine. It is fairly well centered, although the bottom half of the date is off the coin. The bulge at IND is diagnostic. Other details are well struck up. A few old scratches appear near the top of the reverse. Medium brown surfaces. OPEN $85 — SOLD $200 —

From the collection of Sylvester S. Crosby.

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 22, 1992

2473 **1787 M 26-kk.1.** DBL. R-6. 139.3 gns. Very Good. Light golden brown and orange tan. Both surfaces hard, mostly smooth and glossy. Heavy edge dent obverse above AU. Reverse struck off center toward 6 o'clock, date off flan. Obverse die perfect (chips above and below first N); reverse later than the preceding specimen and Taylor:2455, rim cud forming over top of pole, clear clash marks under ET. A second example of this scarce variety, graced by a landmark pedigree. G/VG

82.50

Ex Frederick B. Taylor Sale (Bowers and Merena, March 27 1987, lot 2456)

NASCA "KESSLER-SPAN" SALE APRIL 28, 29, 1981

2220 **1787. M.26-kk.1.** (R-6+.) **VG.**

40 —

Planchet defect on neck, nicks, reverse die buckling, date almost gone. Pine Tree EAC Sale #119 is the only one we can recall at auction.

MAYFLOWER "STEARNS COLL" DEC 2, 1966

183 1787 Draped Bust left. 26-kk.1 (R4). Nice Very Good 8.50

BOWER'S 'RARE COIN REVIEW' #14 APR, 1972

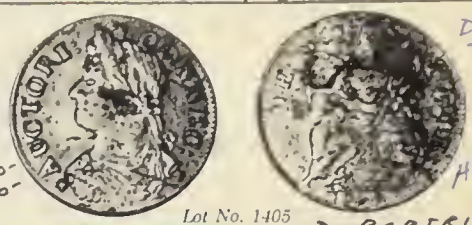
1787 Draped bust left. 26-kk.1 (R-4). ETIBB reverse. Good $19.00; Fine $35.00; Very Fine R.C.R. #14, APR, 1972 ..... 69.00

26-kk.1

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA (1986)

800 1787 Same but ETIBB Rare.
M. 26-kk.1. About 145–163.1 grs. = 9.4–10.57 gms.

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" 6-20-91



DR. HALL FINEST HESSBERG

400 — 800 —

Lot No. 1405 D. PARTRICK

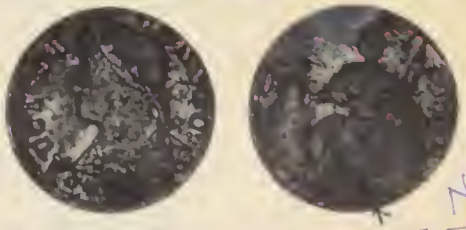
1405 **1787 Miller 26-kk.1** (R-6). 119 grains. Draped bust left with cross on shoulder, Liberty's scepter-like olive branch appears topped by one of the four reverse crosses. Deepest reflective tan surfaces, a single, sharply defined porous area at effigy's ear, a faint lamination line or two on the shield. Conservatively About Uncirculated. XF ONLY OVERALL. NOT AU

880.00

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection. BLOTCHY OLIVE & TAN

The emission sequence for Miller obverse 26 appears to be: 26-AA, 26-kk.1, 26-AA, 26-a.1, 26-kk.1, since some 26-AA are found in the broken state of the die (Oechsner:1092 and the presently offered coin, for example).

BOWERS 'NORWEB SALE MARCH 13-15, 1988



NORWEB

30.00 A. TERRANOVA COLL DEFECT GOOD COLOR

2520 **1787 Connecticut. M 26-kk.1. VF-30. Rarity-6.** 147.1 grains. 28.2mm. 175°. Deep golden brown. Later state of the obverse than when in combination with reverse AA and a.1 with break through first N. Typical reverse state. IN faint, second E weak, trace of cud over pole. Emission sequence appears to be: 26-AA and 26-a.1 contemporaneous, then 26-kk.1

Purchased by Albert Holden before 1913

26-kk.1

KAGIN'S SALE #313 SEPT 29,30, 1978

1648 1787 M 26 KK 1. Rarity 6. ETIBB. Porous granular surfaces. Only auction record is Pine Tree EAC coin. VG: This coin overall would grade G-6. SCARCE! 50-

PAUL KAGIN LIST, APR, 1984

1787 DBL M 26-KK1 Rarity 6 ETI-BB Fine obverse Very good reverse 50 00

PINE TREE "GENA'76 SALE" OCT 1, 1976

33 **1787.** M. 26-kk.1 (R-6). **Good or better,** though date is barely readable. Tan coloration; old Rev. pin scratches.
See lot 119 in our 1975 E.A.C. sale.

PINE TREE "BREEN III", JUNE 19, 1978

230 **1787 Draped Bust Left. M. 26-kk.1 (R-6). Good or better,** though date is barely readable. Tan coloration; old Rev. pin scratches. See lot 119 in our 1975 E.A.C. sale. **($10-15)** 47- 7 00

BOWER'S 'MILTON COHEN' JAN 24-26, 1985

2323 Pair of 1787 Draped Bust Left Connecticut: Miller 26-kk.1, reverse with ETIIB error. Very scarce variety. Fine from the standpoint of sharpness, but with porous surfaces and a general dull appearance, so a better overall grade would be Very Good;
1 OF 2 PIECES

BOWER'S P. WILLIAMS' SEPT 27-29, 1975

1296 Five 1787 Connecticuts. Draped bust left. ~~(1) 24-g.3. R-5. Good-4; (2) 25-b. R-4. Fine-12; (3) 25-m. R-5. AG-3; (4) 26-AA. R-3. AG-3;~~ (5) 26-kk.1. R-4. Good-4. (Total: 5 pieces)

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY FOUNDATION) 1989

26-kk.1 1787 R6
26-kk.1 1787 F-VG R6 Pits & scratches both sides.

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

26-KK.1 6356 (12/5) FINE/GOOD
9491 (20/6) V.FINE/GOOD

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

83) 1787 M.26-kk.1 Very Good overall. Dark brown with devices highlighter. Localized weakness on reverse affecting (obscuring) "IND". Old light scratches on reverse figure.

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

73 1787 Draped Bust Left ETIIB Variety M #26-kk.1 (R-6) FINE-12, slightly granular with one faint obverse scratch. The date and "INDE" weakly struck.
20-

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

595 1787 Draped Bust Left. 26-kk.1 (R-4). G-VG. 12-

DICK AUGUST LIST, MARCH, 1980

65 same 26KK.1, VG, scarce.

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 29, 1920

1.40 1907 1787. Cr. 26-K (2)-1. R. 5. VG.

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1982

2651 **1787 M 26-kk.1.** DBL. R-6. 117.2 gns. Overall Fine, sharpness higher in places, particularly around the legends. Even and fairly attractive golden brown. Soft on base of obverse and reverse, date partially visible. Small flaw on effigy's neck, another on reverse rim at 2 o'clock, both trivial. Obverse die broken in parallel across shoulders (faintly visible); reverse clashed, IND faded, crossbars and right serifs of second E indistinct. These late states account for much of the softness seen. Not in the Condition Census for this scarce variety, exceeded by Garrett:1360 and Norweb:2520, for example, but finer than several others seen including Taylor:2455/6, our Picker II (5/91):148, the ANS coin, and examples in two private New England collections.
165 FINE/VG COLOR OK

STACK'S 'PICKER SALE' MAY 1, 1991

1787 MILLER 26-KK.1

REV. TOO WORN

70- 75

Lot No. 148

148 **1787 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 26-kk.1 (R-6). 108 grains. Crosses or quatrefoils as stops, but two cinquefoils after INDE, one behind head. Smooth, light brown, two ancient obverse scratches, planchet defect on neck. Fine.
82

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 22, 1982

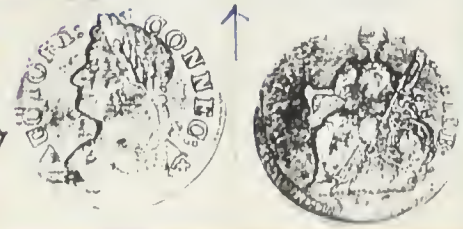
2472 **1787 M 26-kk.1.** DBL. R-6. 133.3 gns. Very Fine. Dark tobacco brown. Traces of verdigris on both sides. Reverse very granular, obverse flawed in neck, heavily below A. Obverse scratched across bust. Reverse struck off center toward 12 o'clock, affecting top of head, pole, E and neighboring cinquefoil. Die states as Taylor:2455.
110 00
TECH. VF REV. OFF CTR.

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

221 **1787** M.26-kk.1. Another. 133.3 grains. Obverse well centered, with a shallow planchet flaw at bust tip; reverse slightly off center downwards. INDE visible; ETIIB and shield sharp. This planchet cutter shearing lines appear on both sides. Very Fine. VF TOO DARK
275 00 250- 250-

Acquired from Harmer Rooke, May 27, 1970. Lacking in Roper, Robison and Oechsner Collections.

SEE ROSA AMERICANA FALL & SPRING, 1993 LOT #97



26-kk.1

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2131 1787 ~~M.19-g.4. DBL. Overall Fine. Rarity 3. 143.1 grains. Golden brown, some gloss. Light obverse, heavier reverse flaws. Small rim clips. Later states, T obverse failing, date completely gone now. 1787 M.24-g.3. DBL. Good overall. 145.8 grains. Dark brown, softly struck at right and in centers. Die states intermediate~~; **1787 M.26-kk.1. DBL.** Very Good/Good. **Rarity 6.** 148.8 grains. Gray brown. Reverse granular, scratched. Reverse state as Taylor:2455, IND ET nearly gone; ~~1787 M.20-AA. DBL. Fine. Rarity 5. Dark brown, reverse center soft. 145.8 grains. A decent, dark brown example. Die states as Taylor:2457~~. 4 pieces.

30/ 240/ 264/

STACK'S SALE SEPT 5, 1993

984 ~~1787 M.25-m. DBL. Rarity 6. Fine. 143.1 gns. Olive green fields, lighter high points. Surfaces only lightly granular, obverse center soft. Small clip reverse 1:00. Obverse scratched left field. States as Taylor:2452~~; **1787 M.26-kk.1. DBL. Rarity 6.** Very Good/Good. 139.5 gns. Brown, granular. Scratches both sides. States as Taylor:2455; ~~1787 M.29.1-n. DBL. High Rarity 6. Good, or slightly better. 136.7 gns. Pale orange tan. Granular, some reverse pitting. Obverse off center to upper right. States as Taylor:2465~~. 3 pieces.

80/ 300/ 330/

TO STACK COURSE

THE BIZARRE LETTERING OF CONNECTICUT COPPERS

"I" not altered to "L" | 362 362 | 1787 reverse ii; kk 1; kk 2; LL / 1787 obverse 38

The four 1787 ET IIB reverses ii, kk.1, kk.2 and LL are further examples of hurry-up die cutting where the basic "I" stroke was never finished into an "L" as was done in so very many other cases.

MIKE RINGO LIST APRIL, 1987

22.1787 DBL, M.26-kk.1. Fine, somewhat porous surfaces, medium brown color. Sharper detail than either of the examples in the Taylor sale. R-6.....$ 50

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #8 SPRING 1993

CHOICE MILLER 26-kk.1

SAE

~~CONDITION CENSUS~~

COIN GALLERIES SALE 7/22/92 # 2472

STACK'S SALE 1/14/92 # 221

97 1787 Connecticut, Miller 26 kk 1 Ranty-6 133 2 grains Very Fine, the reverse legends a bit weaker as is almost always found on the variety, and though INDE and the date are faint, they can still be completely made out The obverse strike is bold and sharp, with crisp legends and design details A very attractive dark brown color, the surfaces free of any sort of defect other than an insignificant lamination on the obverse drapery Quite rare in any grade, the present coin is much finer than the 1975 EAC, Taylor, Picker, CNL and ANS specimens, and is certainly in the Condition Census for the variety—nicer than just about everything else that's been offered in recent years As we mentioned earlier, many of these Draped Bust Left/Large Letter varieties are much more difficult to find than their ranty ratings would suggest, and while high grade varieties in the 33-Z series do turn up with some frequency, the large letters types, with rare exceptions, just don't exist in grades even close to Mint State! Another wonderful example for the astute collector! $249

The Condition Census appears to be as follows
1) The Dr Hall-Hessberg coin, Extremely Fine
2) Crosby Garrett coin, Very Fine
3) Private collection, Very Fine
4) The present coin, Very Fine
5) Norweb, Very Fine
6) Picker reference collection, Fine
After this, there are a few VG-F's (EAC '75, Taylor and CNL reference collection) and several solid VG's (ANS, the Miller coin and two in private collections)

STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

63 **1787 M.26-kk.1. DBL. R-6.** Fine/Very Good, evenly dark and granular. 131.3 gns. Lightly flawed base of obverse, small rim nick top of reverse. All in all, not a bad example. Miller thought so, too, as this was the **Miller sale coin.** Like M.24-g.5, there's an AU at the top of the CC list, then a handful of VF's, followed by the rest of the pack. This is another tough coin in any grade better than Choice Fine. We have seen 17 specimens, so if this is Rarity 6, its cousin 26-a.1 must be rated higher. DARK DAVE PALMER

From Tom Elder's sale of the Henry C. Miller Collection, May 29, 1920, lot 1907. Graded "Very Good" in the Miller sale, "Good" by Ryder on his ticket accompanying this lot.

65/ 130/ 143/

McCAULEY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

240. THREE CONNECTICUT COPPERS. ~~1785 M.6-3-G.1 MBR (R-3) VF20 139.2 gns. Dark brown with light brown devices. Central punch mark on obverse. Struck off center. Smooth planchet. WITH 1787 M.6.1-M (R-1) VF20 128.9 gns. Popular "Laughing Head" variety. Bent planchet with porosity. Peripheral weakness.~~ WITH 1787 M.26-kk.1 DBL (R-6) VG8 117.1 gns. Brown/golden brass obverse with brown/reddish brass reverse. Granular surfaces. No visible date. Total 3 pieces.

26-Kk.1

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

156 1787 M.26-kk.1. DBL. R-6. ET IIB variety. Very Good, granular. 133.3 gns. Miller attribution number in a fine hand on obverse; ~~M.27-a.1. DBL. R-6. Fine, a high grade for this variety. 137.5 gns. Reddish brown, several rim defects. Probably a Condition Census specimen but this seems to have been overlooked the last time we offered this coin.~~ 2 pieces.

140 150 165

~~The second, from our March 18, 1993 sale, lot 2135.~~

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

157 1787 M.26-kk.1. ET IIB. Another. Good, heavy flaws. 106.6 gns. Miller number in a fine hand on obverse; ~~M.29.1-n. DBL. High R-6. Very Good/Good, pale olive brown. 131.2 gns. Miller number in a fine hand on obverse, M.31.1-gg.1. DBL. R-3. ET-LIR variety. Very Good, pale olive brown. 119.1 gns. Miller number as "31/G" in a coarse hand on obverse.~~ 3 pieces.

120 220 242

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

195 1787 Connecticut. Miller 26-kk.1. Rarity-6. 122.1 grains. Fine/Very Good, the reverse weaker than the obverse. The obverse legend is strong and full, and the design details are easily of the grade assigned. The reverse is weaker, with slightly less than half of the legend visible, and just a ghost of the date. Medium brown surfaces, the obverse hard, the reverse hard but with a little light roughness. Overall a pleasing example of a very difficult variety, and one that seems not to exist in truly choice condition – the EAC '75, Taylor and CNL Reference collection coins are all called VG/F, and the ANS specimen is just a VG. This one is certainly as nice as these specimens, and available at just.....$89

In an oldtime Stack's paper envelope, apparently from the 1950's.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

133 1787 Connecticut. Miller 26-kk.1 Rarity-6. 131.7 grains. Nearly Very Fine in terms of strike and wear actually received. Somewhat bold for an issue that often comes weak and erratic. The obverse has full legends, sharp and crisp; the central design details are a bit flat, though easily of Fine+ quality. The reverse is weak at IN and the date, as well as the globe that Liberty is seated on, though everything else is sharp, including the branch in Liberty's hand which makes attribution of the reverse a snap. Medium olive brown surfaces, hard and quite glossy. A few minor circulation marks on either side and a tiny striation across Liberty's face, but nothing all that distracting. Quite difficult to find in decent states of preservation, we note that the EAC '75, Taylor and CNL Reference collection coins were all VG/F and that the ANS specimen is just VG. An extremely pleasing example of this rarer variety, and the nicest that we've offered in years. Sure to interest the specialists at just.....$179

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #9 SUMMER, 1994

149 1787 Connecticut, Miller 26-kk.1. Rarity-6. 131.3 grains. Very Good. As usual for the variety, the obverse is well struck, while the reverse is a bit weaker. Full obverse legends, the reverse weak at IN of INDE [usually the whole word is weak on this variety]; the date, is not visible, completely typical. Medium brown, slightly matte-like surfaces, with a few ancient obverse scratches that blend in well with the color of the surfaces. A very rare variety in any grade—some of the big name collections have had coins that were only marginally [if at all] better than the present piece—the '75 EAC, Taylor and CNL Reference collections are all VG/F, and the ANS coin is a VG. Again, many of the Draped Bust Left/Large Letter varieties will be found to be scarcer than originally thought—they certain aren't offered with any sort of frequency and most just don't exist anywhere close to Mint State. Another piece sure to be of interest to the variety collector.....$89

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

Miller 26-kk.1 from the Hillyer Ryder Collection

151 1787 Connecticut, Miller 26-kk.1, another. 107.3 grains. Very Good, the obverse a good deal sharper than the reverse, as is typical for the variety. This one has full obverse legends, with IND and the date being weak on the reverse. Dark brown surfaces, fairly hard but with some light laminations on either side, the deepest one hidden in the obverse effigy's drapery. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in the left obverse field as 26/kk2, the misattribution being only the second that we've seen for any variety. This coin hails from the HILLVER RYDER collection [though no cardboard lot ticket was with the lot when we purchased it], and is certainly a pleasing example of this legitimately tough variety [don't let the fact that we have a pair on this list fool you; this was a coin that we've held back in our reference collection of PDV's for the last few years]. Sure to interest the specialist at only.....$109

ROSA AMERICANA (J. ROCK) FPL #9 SUMMER, 1994

BOLD DOUBLE STRIKE
1787 Miller 26-kk.1

150 1787 Connecticut, Miller 26-kk.1, another. 121.6 grains. Very Good to Fine, slightly rough surfaces on both sides, more so on the reverse. BOLDLY DOUBLE STRUCK, the second strike about 50% off center and rotated slightly to the left in relation to the original strike. On the obverse, there is part of a second head and the legend CONN. The reverse has traces of the second strike, though it appears to have caused more of a jumble of legends and designs than the obverse striking did. A VERY RARE error in the series as a whole, and especially so on the Draped Bust Left/Large Letters type. This is the only double struck example of the variety that we have ever heard of, and surely represents a rare opportunity for the colonial specialist to pick up a coin that has a very special story to tell.....$139

From the Ken Mote collection of error Connecticut coppers.

26-kk.1

McCawley & Greenman C4 sale "Griffee
Oct 21, 1995

$148.52

148. M31 1787 CONNECTICUT M.26-kk.1 DBL (R-6) VF25 124.8 gns. A very difficult variety in upper grades. The grade here assigned is strictly technical, but if anything a tad conservative. Unfortunately both sides have significant porosity and areas of pitting along with striae, making for a rough appearance, the reverse more so than the obverse. On the bright side is the color which is a pleasing deep tan. Slightly earlier obverse die state than the Norweb coin with the break across the drapery less developed. The reverse die state is also relatively early although the diagnostic bulge at IND is well formed. Pitting at IN makes that area indistinct though it appears to be sharper than usually encountered. The date, also a consistent area of weakness for the variety, while weak is distinct. In fact this coin shows comparable central detail to the VF Garrett specimen, a shade less than the VF30 Norweb example, and more so than the Hessberg coin which was graded AU (but disputed as too high by some students of the series). An unplated VF specimen was included as lot 97 on Rosa Americana's 8th fixed price list. This example is stronger than the 1975 EAC coin, the Taylor piece, the example in ANS, and others recently auctioned. It is struck high and to the right on both sides with a small effect on the tops of a few legend letters. The color, strike, and reflectivity of this coins surfaces make it more appealing than its problems might suggest, and it has at least a technical claim for low end CC. Reverse rotated 10 degrees.

26-Kk.1